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3. The wearing of military uniform by unauthorised persons is an indictable offence under the Uniforms Act 1894. Offenders are liable to arrest when intending to deceive by purporting to be a military person.

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PMRAFNS ORDERS OF DRESS

No 1 and 2 SD – PMRAFNS Personnel

0401. With exception of the female No 1 SD hat options (Para 0402) and trade badges (Chap 7), all PMRAFNS personnel (all ranks, male and female) are to conform to the orders of dress for No 1 and 2 SD modes, shown at:

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PMRAFNS – Female Hat Options

0402. Female Hat – No 1 Service Dress. When in No 1 SD, only the Service issue Tricorn hat may be worn, as follows:

a. **Officers**. All commissioned ranks and WOs wear the black, nursing officers Tricorn design hat. A gold embellished hatband is worn by Gp Capts and above. Officer cadets wear a white band over the black silk band.

b. **Airwomen.** FS and below wear the blue/grey Tricorn design hat.

No 2D SD Ward Dress – All Ranks Female and Male (UK and Overseas)

0403. Occasions for wear. The No 2D SD, more commonly referred to as 'ward dress', is worn when employed on clinical duties. It is the standard form of working dress for nursing duties. Orders of dress for PMRAFNS personnel are as follows:

a. **Temperate Areas**. Both female and male personnel are to wear the standard Service issue No 2D 'ward dress'.

b. **Warm Weather Areas.** During temperate periods (as promulgated) both female and male personnel are to wear the standard Service issue No 2D 'ward dress'. For promulgated hot weather periods the modes of dress worn are:

(1) **Male**. Service issued white shirt, KD shorts, KD socks, DMS or authorised pattern desert boots.

No 3 SD – Operational Clothing PMRAFNS

0404. Occasions for wear. The No 3 SD is identical to that listed for all other RAF personnel (see Chaps 2 and 3) and is worn on the same occasions and on Aeromed duties. In addition, a Geneva Convention Red Cross armband or patch must be worn when actively engaged on medical duties.

Nos 4, 5, 6, 6A, 7 and 8 SD – PMRAFNS personnel

0405. With the exception that PMRAFNS hats are worn with the No 4, 5, 6, 6B, 7 and 8 SD, all PMRAFNs orders of dress are identical to those prescribed for all other RAF personnel and are worn on the same occasions (see Chaps 2 and 3).

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Introduction

This chapter illustrates through a selection of illustrations and explanatory notes, the various orders of dress for the Physical Education (Ped) Specialisation personnel. It also stipulates the occasions on which each type of uniform should be worn.

No 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 SD orders of dress – PEd Specialisation Personnel (Male and Female)

0501. The No 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 SD orders of dress are all identical to those prescribed for RAF personnel (male) as detailed in Chap 2 and RAF personnel (female) as detailed in Chap 3 and are worn on the same occasions.

No 12 SD (PTI) – PEd Specialisation Personnel (Male and Female)

0502. Occasions for wear. The No 12 SD (PTI) is worn by all non-commissioned personnel employed on non-instructional duties within the PEd Flight. It is also to be worn by all staff when leaving their working environment on the unit, e.g. visiting SHQ or other sections. The white PTI issue jacket and black PTI trousers may be worn by non-commissioned personnel only.

0503. Head-dress. Service issue beret only for non-commissioned personnel, No 1 SD hat (with No 2 SD) for officers.

0504. Jacket. A clean and serviceable, approved pattern white PTI jacket is to be worn outside the working section. The white background PTI badge is to be worn on the left breast along with the appropriate badge of rank, no other badges are to be worn. The jacket may be worn either over the issue PTI sweatshirt, PTI vest (male) or the approved pattern white top (female personnel). If required, standard RAF No 2 SD jeltex/MVP rain suit may be worn.

0505. Trousers. Only service issue, black PTI trousers are to be worn with creases pressed in front and back, extending the full length of each leg.

0506. PTI Vest (Male Personnel) – Approved Pattern Top (Female Personnel). Within the working environment, male non-commissioned personnel are to wear the standard issue PTI vest. Female personnel are to wear an approved pattern white top.

0507. Socks. Black only.

0508. Shoes. Highly polished black Oxford pattern or Service issue DMS shoes.

0509. PTI Sweatshirt. The Service issue PTI grey sweatshirt may be worn under the jacket. The sweatshirt is not to be worn as an outer garment, nor is it to display badges of rank or qualification.

ORDERS OF DRESS – No 12 SD (PTI) – MALE AND FEMALE

No 12A SD (PTI) – PEd Specialisation Personnel (Male And Female)

0510. Occasions for wear. The No 12A SD (PTI) is worn by all PEd staff whilst engaged on indoor instructional sports duties. It may also be worn by commissioned personnel when instructing on, or directly supervising, training activities.

0511. PTI vest/white top. Whilst actively instructing within a gymnasium environment PEd staff are to wear the following:

a. **Officers.** White approved pattern polo shirt.

b. **Non-commissioned personnel (male).** White Service issue PTI vest.

c. **Non-commissioned personnel (female).** White Service issue PTI top.

0512. Shorts. All personnel are to wear Service issue white shorts only, with creases pressed in front and back, extending the full length of each leg.

0513. Socks. All personnel are to wear plain, white sports socks only. Socks decorated with commercial logos or sports stripes are not to be worn with any form of Service dress.

0514. Head-dress. Headdress is not to be worn except in association with the PTI jacket and trousers.

0515. Footwear. Clean, plain white approved pattern/Service issue training shoes only. Footwear appropriate the activity i.e. indoor cycling shoes, cricket or athletic spikes etc, are permitted during the course of that activity.

0516. Badges of Rank. Badges of rank and/or qualification badges are not to be worn with No 12A SD, at any rank level (except on the PTI jacket).

ORDERS OF DRESS - No 12A SD (PTI) – MALE AND FEMALE

No 12B SD (PTI) – PEd Specialisation Personnel (Male and Female)

0517. Occasions for wear. The No 12B SD (PTI) is worn by all PEd Specialisation personnel whilst actively instructing outdoors in warm weather. It is identical in all respects to No 12A SD (PTI), except that Service issue outdoor trainers replace the white trainers. Alternatively, where appropriate, sports dress for the activity being pursued may be worn, e.g. cricket whites, rugby strip etc.

No 12CSD (PTI) – PEd Specialisation Personnel (Male and Female)

0518. Occasions for wear. The No 12C SD (PTI) is worn by all PEd Specialisation personnel whilst actively instructing outdoors in cold weather. Alternatively, where appropriate, sports dress for the activity being pursued may be worn.

0519. PTI Tracksuit. Only a standard Service issue tracksuit is to be worn; locally purchased substitutes are not acceptable. A PTI Badge is to be worn on the right arm under the appropriate badge of rank.

0520. PTI Foul Weather Suit. Only a standard Service issue foul weather suit is to be worn; locally purchased substitutes are not acceptable.

0521. Footwear. Outdoors Service issue trainers only, or footwear appropriate to the activity, e.g. soccer boots, rugby boots etc.

0522. PTI Sweatshirt. Optionally, the Service issue PTI sweatshirt may be worn, but only as an undergarment.

0523. Head-dress. Headdress is not to be worn with No 12C SD.

0524. Outdoor Centres. RAF PEd staffs employed at the RAF outdoor activity centres are to wear the following uniform as centre dress:

a. RAF PTI Trousers with PTI belt, black socks, Service issue DMS shoes and Navy blue polo shirt with Centre logo embroidered on left hand breast. An Air Force blue fleece may be worn in cold weather at the discretion of the OC.

ORDER OF DRESS – No 12C SD (PTI) TRACK SUIT – MALE AND FEMALE

See Para 0519

See Para 0519

ORDER OF DRESS – No 12 C SD (PTI) FOUL WEATHER SUIT – MALE AND FEMALE

No 12D SD (PTI) – PEd Specialisation Personnel (Male and Female)

0525. Occasions for wear. The No12D SD (PTI) is worn by all PTIs whilst **actively** employed on Operational Fitness Training, Operational Fitness Testing, Force Development Instructional Duties, Home for Sport Duties and on OOA Deployment (Picture1).

0526. Headdress. Only a Service issue beret is to be worn. The headdress may be removed whilst actively participating in the duties listed at Para 0525 (Picture 2).

0527. Tracksuit Jacket. An approved pattern PTI Tracksuit Jacket is to be worn outside the working section. A PTI Badge is to be worn on the right arm under the appropriate badge of rank. The Jacket may be worn either over the issue PTI sweatshirt and, or the PTI vest.

0528. The Jacket may be removed, in line with shirt sleeve order regulations (Picture 4). However, to ensure that armpits are covered when in the Mess Dining Room the Jacket is to be worn by male PTIs. Headdress must be worn at all times when outdoors, except when actively participating in their duties, then Para 0526 headdress regulations apply (Picture 5).

0529. When the Jacket has been removed Badges of Rank are to be displayed: all PTIs are to wear the appropriate rank slider on the front of the webbing belt.

0530. PTI Sweatshirt. The Service issue PTI Grey Sweatshirt may be worn under the Tracksuit Jacket. The Sweatshirt is not to be worn as an outer garment, nor is it to display badges of rank or qualification.

0531. Vest (PTI). The PTI vest is be worn by male personnel and the white PTI issue top by female personnel.

0532. Trousers. No 3 SD trousers are to be worn, extending the full length of each leg.

0533. Socks. Service issue socks are to be worn.

0534. Footwear. Issue combat boots are to be worn for all occasions; the exception being running activities when the PTI issue outdoor trainers are to be worn (Picture 3).

0535. PTI Foul Weather Suit. The Service issue PTI Foul Weather Suit may be worn as an over garment in poor weather conditions.

ORDER OF DRESS – No 12D SD (PTI) – MALE AND FEMALE

Picture 1

Picture 2

ORDER OF DRESS – No 12D SD (PTI) – MALE AND FEMALE

Picture 3

Picture 4

ORDER OF DRESS – No 12D SD (PTI) – MALE AND FEMALE

Picture 5

Picture 5

No 12D SD (PTI) PJI Duties – PEd Specialisation Personnel (Male and Female)

0536. Occasions for wear. The No 12D SD (PTI) is worn by all PJIs whilst actively employed on instructional parachutist duties.

0537. Headdress. Only a Service issue beret is to be worn.

0538. Vest (PTI). The PTI vest should be worn by male personnel and the white PTI issue top by female personnel.

0539. Footwear. Only Service issue boots are to be worn.

Drop Zone Duties

0540. PJIs when performing drop zone duties are to wear No 12D SD or No 3 SD as appropriate.

Despatching Duties

0541. PJIs when performing despatching duties are to wear No 14A SD (aircrew flying suit) with the option of adding 14B SD (cold weather aircrew jacket) or No 3 SD smock if required.

0542. Vest. As an alternative to the PTI vest as Service issue aircrew vest or t-shirt may be worn.

Practical Parachuting Duties

0543. No 3 SD is to be worn when carrying out static line parachuting. No 3 SD or the approved parachutists' coverall is to be worn when carrying out free fall parachuting duties.

0544. Helmet. All personnel must wear a Service issue parachutist helmet when undertaking static line or free fall parachute descents.

0545. Boots. Clean standard issue parachutist boots, or approved pattern specialist boots for freefall parachuting are to be worn.

0546. Gloves. Service issue leather aircrew gloves or winter combat gloves may be worn.

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RAF ORDERS OF DRESS - AIRCREW (MALE & FEMALE)

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Introduction

0601. This Chap illustrates, through a selection of illustrations and explanatory notes, the various orders of dress for RAF Aircrew. Where the term 'Aircrew' is used then it will be deemed to apply also to non-traditional aircrew or ground-based personnel employed on flying duties[1]. The Chap also stipulates the occasions on which each type of uniform should be worn. It should be noted that the Future Aircrew Clothing System (FACS) has introduced replacement items for all ranges plus a combat uniform (CU) version of fg clothing together with updated layered systems – thus this Chap is undergoing transition to account for the overlap between the legacy fg clothing and FACS. Much No 14 SD is an Aircrew Equipment Assembly (AEA) and can only be altered/repaired by qualified TG13 Safety Equipment Fitters iaw the relevant DAP 108 series publications.

No 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 Service Dress (SD) – RAF Officers (Male and Female) and Non-Commissioned Aircrew

0602. The No 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 SD are all identical to those prescribed for male personnel in Chap 2 and female personnel in Chap 3 of this manual and are worn on the same occasions. However, reference will be made to Chap 7 – Distinguishing Insignia to ensure that the wearing of Flying Badges comply with the regulations.

No 14 SD (Flying Clothing) – RAF Officers (Male and Female) and Non-Commissioned Aircrew

0603. Occasions for wear. No 14 SD is worn by all ranks for flying duties unless otherwise ordered. It is not to be worn routinely in off base areas (See Chap 1, Para 0109 regarding travel to and from work). It is not to be worn in public areas of Officers' or WO & Sgts' Messes after 1900 hrs daily unless still on duty or returning straight from flying to eat supper. When likely to be employed on ground administrative duties aircrew personnel should wear the standard RAF No 2 SD unless otherwise ordered or they are likely to conduct flying duties. Whilst the wearing of all RAF SD is always subject to the highest standards of turnout those Aircrew that are undertaking air display and exhibition duties in the public eye are to take extra care that their No 14 SD is suitably kept and is fully compliant.

0604. Hat – Aircrew Personnel.

a. Officers. Officers are to wear the service issue No 1 SD hat, beret or a field service cap with No 14 SD with an appropriate cap badge.

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[1] Such as Fighter Controllers, Image Analysts and Airborne Technicians.

b. **Airmen.** Non-commissioned aircrew are to wear the No 1 SD hat, beret or field service cap with No 14 SD with an appropriate cap badge.

c. **FACS 2-piece Combat Uniform.** Where the FACS CU is worn, only the beret is permitted (to align with policy on PCS CU) unless the officer is of 2-star rank or above.

0605. Flying Coverall – (No 14A SD). A clean, serviceable, approved pattern and colour flying coverall (sometimes termed a flying suit) is to be worn with rank shoulder slides displayed on both shoulder straps. Sleeves are to be rolled down and fastened at the cuffs by the velcro fastenings unless otherwise authorised by the Operational Commander with reference to the Heat Stress Index.

Legacy Flying Coveralls. Badges should be positioned as follows or as dictated by the 1-star Force Cdr or equivalent delegated authority.

a. Name badge and aircrew flying badge (if awarded) – on the left breast approximately **4" (10 cm) below the shoulder seam.** Badges should measure 123mm x 74mm and be attached with Velcro hooks attached by a TG13 SE Fitter. The approved Fg Badge designs are detailed at 0616 of this chapter and should be scaled, in proportion, by the manufacturer to fit the name badge.

b. Unit Heraldic Badge – left shoulder.

c. Squadron badge – right shoulder.

d. Only one further qualification badge may be worn on the right breast approximately 4" (100mm) below the shoulder seam.

FACS One Piece Coveralls. The extant Velcro loop areas on the FACS coverall are approved for the wearing of badges, they are not to be removed under any circumstances. Badges should be of a design as approved by the 1-star Force Cdr or equivalent delegated authority. They should be positioned as follows:

e. Name badge and aircrew flying badge (if awarded) – on the left breast Velcro loop area. Badges should measure 110mm x 70mm and be attached with Velcro hooks attached by a TG13 SE Fitter. The approved Fg Badge designs are detailed at 0616 of this chapter and should be scaled, in proportion, by the manufacturer to fit the name badge.

f. A combined Unit Heraldic Badge and Squadron Badge or other qualification badge – on the right sleeve Velcro loop area. Examples of FACS combined Unit Heraldic Badge and Squadron Badges can be found at the end of this chapter. Badges should measure 160mm x 75mm and be attached with Velcro hooks attached by a TG13 SE Fitter.

g. Further Velcro loop areas may be added by TG13 personnel for the wearing of qualification badges as approved by the 1-star Force Cdr or equivalent delegated authority – further guidance on this should be sought from the DE&S Air Commodities Team (DES AS AC-AES-BN-Gp).

h. The main zip slider is to be zipped up to at least 10cm from the top zip stop.

0606. Aircrew Vest. Only a Service issue aircrew vest with the roll neck folded down once or a Sqn t-shirt, approved by the 1-star Force Cdr or equivalent delegated authority, is to be worn with No 14 SD.

0607. Socks. Green, black or operational issue only.

0608. Boots. Black or brown approved pattern flying boots are to be kept polished. Brown flying boots are approved for use with all types of FACS. Force Cdrs, or delegated Sqn Cdrs, may decide whether black or brown boots are used but are discouraged from authorising mixed colours between Sqn personnel wherever possible.

0609. Gloves. Only approved pattern, Service issue flying gloves are to be worn.

0610. Cold Weather Flying Clothing – (No 14B SD). A Service issue cold weather flying jacket may be worn with No 14A SD, at the individual's discretion. Appropriate badges of rank are to be worn and the jacket is to be fastened by both zip and buttons, with the cuffs secured by the velcro strips. Badges are to be positioned as described in Para 0605 sub paras a-d of this Chap on Flying Coveralls. Cold weather trousers may be worn for flying and squadron duties however; they are not to be worn in Officers' or Sergeants' Messes. **See Para 0615**

0611. MTP PCS CU Jacket. A MTP PCS CU outer jacket may be worn with flying clothing, in place of a cold weather flying jacket, at the individual's discretion. **See Para 0615**

0612. Blue Leather Flying Jacket – (No 14C SD). A blue leather flying jacket of the standard approved pattern may be purchased at personal expense and worn with flying clothing, on the ground only. The jacket zip slider is to be zipped up to at least 4" (10cm) from the top zip stop. The jacket may also be worn with No 2 SD (see Chap 2 Para 0221).

0613. FACS 2-piece CU – (No 14 SD). Generally, the regulations surrounding PCS CU (No 3 SD) will be deemed to apply to FACS CU (No 14D SD). Items of FACS CU should not be mixed with PCS CU if there is a safety requirement for the flame-retardant qualities of FACS. FACS base and mid layer items, including UBACS, are not to be worn as outer garments unless the operational commander orders. FACS also has a set of Moisture Vapour Permeable (MVP) waterproof garments for wearing over other items. **See Para 0615**

0614. FACS 2-piece CU Badges. Badges on FACS 2-piece CU will be placed in the same way as described for No.3 SD in Chap 2 Para 0229 and Chap 7 by a TG13 SE Fitter.

0615. Mixing of Uniform. Cold weather flying jackets, cold weather trousers, and FACS/PCS items are only for wear with service issue flying clothing. **Under no circumstances are any of these items to be worn with other orders of dress e.g. No 2 Dress uniform.**

0616. RAF Aircrew Flying Clothing Name Badges. AP1358 Ch 7 details the various insignia approved for wear on RAF clothing. This paragraph sets out the exact design of the 2 Aircrew Flying Badges – two-wing and single-wing. All flying badges should be scaled, in proportion, by the manufacturer to fit the name badge to the following designs with either 1 or 2 lines of text (normally Service/Unit and Name):

a. **Two Wing.** The 2 Wing Flying Badge design was subject to Royal Approval on 24 Jun 1912. Badges should have wings of drab silk (light ecru) embroidery with monogram 'RAF' in centre, and may be surrounded by a laurel leaf of brown or blue silk and surmounted by a crown as detailed in AP1358 Ch 7. No other colours for the wings shall be used although different colour badge backing and lettering on the badge is allowed as agreed with the the 1-star Force Cdr or equivalent delegated authority.

b. **Single Wing.** The Single Wing Flying Badge design was subject to Royal Approval on 9 Dec 1939. Badges should have wings of drab silk (light ecru) embroidery with a monogram in the centre, and be surrounded by a laurel leaf of brown silk and may be surmounted by a crown as detailed in AP1358 Ch 7. No other colours for the wings/crown/monogram/laurel shall be used although different colour badge backing and lettering on the badge is allowed as agreed with the 1-star Force Cdr or equivalent delegated authority.

RAF No 14 DRESS – AIRCREW – MALE AND FEMALE

RAF No 14A SERVICE DRESS

Legacy Mk15/16 Coverall

FACS Coverall with kneeboards

FACS Coverall

RAF No 14B SERVICE DRESS

RAF No 14C SERVICE DRESS

RAF No 14D SERVICE DRESS

FACS 2-piece CU Front Crew

FACS 2-piece CU Rear Crew (with kneepads)

FACS 2-piece MVP CU

FACS 2-piece MVP Hood and Kneepads

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General

0701. Only authorised RAF badges (including aircrew badges) are to be worn on RAF and PMRAFNS uniforms, except that personnel serving on posted tours of duty at NATO HQs, may wear the approved detachable insignia for these headquarters. Only formation badges as approved by the RAF Clothing and Dress Policy Committee (CDPC) may be worn. Application for formation badges should be submitted to the CDPC through the CDPC Secretary. Application guidance is available through Air A4 Log Spt Commodities.

Distinctive Shoulder Boards – Officers

0702. Marshals of the Royal Air Force (MRAF). Distinctive shoulder boards are worn by Marshals of the Royal Air Force on the greatcoat and with No 1A, 6, 8 and 8A SD uniforms. The greatcoat version is faced with blue-grey crombie cloth and blue/grey barathea is specified for the shoulder straps of No 1A, 8 and 8A SD uniforms, a stone coloured worsted polyester version is worn with the No 6 SD.

Worn by MRAF on Greatcoat, No1A, 6, 6A, 8 and 8A SD jackets – Example Shown is Air ADC

0703. Ceremonial Shoulder Boards. When in 1A SD, distinctive unranked ceremonial shoulder boards are worn by AVM and above and those officers assigned to the 1* posts of Comdt RAFC Cranwell, Air Officer Wales and Air Officer Scotland. When a greatcoat is worn with No 1A or No 5 SD, detachable gold ranked shoulder straps in Crombie material are worn.

AVM and above (Not MRAF) No 1A SD Ceremonial Shoulder Board

AVM and above (Not MRAF) Ceremonial (Greatcoat)

(Both examples shown are Aides De Camp (ADC) to the Sovereign)

0704. Plain Shoulder Boards. With No 1 SD, plain shoulder boards are worn by; officers entitled to wear aiguillettes and/or the Royal Cypher, AVMs and above, DNS (RAF) and those officers assigned to the 1* posts of Comdt RAFC Cranwell, Air Officer Wales, Air Officer Scotland and CG RAF Regt/AO RAF Police.

Example shown is ADC

0705. With No 5 SD, sewn in plain shoulder straps in Venetian cloth are worn by officers entitled to wear aiguillettes and/or the Royal Cypher, AVMs and above, DNS (RAF) and those officers assigned to the 1 Star posts of Comdt RAFC Cranwell, Air Officer Wales, Air Officer Scotland and CG RAF Regt/AO RAF Police.

Rank Badges - Officers

0706. The rank identification for officers on No 1, 1A, 2, 3, 6, 6B and 7 SD uniforms is light blue on black braid in three widths: narrow – 1/4" (6mm) for plt off; medium – 9/16" (1.4 cm) for fg off and broad – 2" (5.1 cm) for air cdre. Ranking for all other officers is a varied combination of these basic braids (as illustrated at page 7-8).

0707. Positioning of Officer Rank Badges.

a. **Jacket Sleeves, No 1 and 1A SD.** All officers wear rings of black and blue ranking braid as appropriate to their rank, the centre of the braid being 3 3/4" (9.5 cm) from the bottom of the cuff.

b. **Shoulder Slides for the No 2, 6 and 7 SD and Outerwear.** The bottom row of composite braid should be at the base of the strap. For plt off and fg off, the braid should be mounted centrally on a backing material matching the host garment.

c. **Rank Slides for No 3 SD.** Appropriate rank slides are to be worn on the rank strap of No 3 SD jackets and smocks.

d. **Provost and RAF Regiment Officers.** The base of 'RAFP' and 'RAF Regiment' shoulder slides is to be aligned with the base of the shoulder strap. RAF Regiment OG ranks slides are not to be worn with No 3 SD. Rank braiding is to be set 1/16" (2mm) above the top of the RAFP slide and the upper letters of the RAF Regt slide.

0708. Gold Lace Ranking. Full width gold lace is worn on the sleeve of the No 5 SD composed as prescribed for No 1 SD. Excepting MRAF (see Para 0703), half-width gold lace is worn on the shoulder straps of No 6A, 8 and 8A SD uniforms and greatcoats worn as specified in Para 0704.

OFFICERS RANK BADGES

AIR OFFICERS

Marshal Royal Air Force

Air Chief Marshal

Air Marshal

Air Vice Marshal

Air Commodore

GROUP CAPTAIN AND BELOW

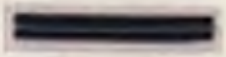
Group Captain

Wing Commander

Squadron Leader

Flight Lieutenant

Flying Officer



Pilot Officer

OFFICERS HATS AND BADGES

AIR OFFICERS

Air Officer (male) No 1 SD Hat

MRAFNS Female AO

Females have same insignia but on Female style SD Hat

Beret

AO FSC

GROUP CAPTAIN

Group Captain (male) No 1 SD Hat

PMRAFNS Group Captain

Females have same insignia but on Female style SD Hat

Beret

FSC

WING COMMANDER AND BELOW

Male No 1 SD Hat

Female No 1 SD Hat
(Female WO wear this hat with WO Badge)

PMRAFNS Female

Beret

FSC

Rank Badges – WO and Other Ranks

0709. Sleeves and Shoulder Rank Badges. Sleeve badges are embroidered in light blue, on backgrounds of dark blue felt. Shoulder strap rank badges (rank slides) are in similar colour combinations, but of woven material and are worn on all working dress uniforms. For rank slides worn with No 3 SD refer to Chap 3.

0710. Rank Badges Description

a. **WO**. The Royal Arms. The title CASWO is embroidered onto the shoulder badges of the post incumbent. At the discretion of the Chief of the Air Staff this badge may be worn in perpetuity.

b. **MACRr.** A gilded metal eagle within embroidered laurel leaves surmounted by the Royal Arms. Provided in left and right arm badges, eagle is always to point to the rear. Metal components of sleeve rank badge are not to be worn on the No 6 SD jacket, outerwear or flying clothing.

c. **FS (Ground)**. A 3-bar chevron surmounted by a crown. The base of the crown is to be $^1/_8$" (3 mm) above a horizontal line joining upper tips. The metal crown is only to be worn on the No 1 SD jacket, an embroidered crown is provided for the greatcoat.

d. **FS Aircrew**. An eagle and 3-bar chevron surmounted by a crown. Tips of the aircrew eagles wings are to be horizontally in line $^1/_8$" (3 mm) below the upper points of the chevrons, the crown is to be centred ¼" (6 mm) above the eagle. In all cases the eagle is to face to the rear. The metal eagle and crown are only to be worn on the No 1 SD Jacket, embroidered versions are provided for the greatcoat.

e. **Chf Tech**. A 3-bar chevron surmounted by a 4-bladed propeller. The propeller is to be positioned with blades diagonally, as in the cross of St Andrew, with the centre of the propeller boss ½" (1.2 cm) above a horizontal line joining the upper tips of the chevrons.

f. **Sgt**. A 3-bar chevron.

g. **Sgt Aircrew**. A 3-bar chevron surmounted by an eagle. Tips of the aircrew eagles wings are to be horizontally in line $^1/_8$" (3 mm) below the upper points of the chevrons. In all cases the eagle is to face to the rear. Metal components of sleeve rank badge are not to be worn on the No 6 SD jacket, outerwear or flying clothing.

h. **Cpl**. A 2-bar chevron.

i. **L/Cpl.** A single bar chevron (RAF Regt Only).

j. **JT.** A 4-bladed propeller worn with the blades of the propeller diagonally as in the cross of St Andrew.

k. **SAC.** A 3-bladed propeller, worn with one blade vertical, in the form of the letter Y. SACs in defined trades who hold Q-OPS 90187 wear a similar badge encompassed within a circle referred to as the 'Skills Discriminator Badge'.

l. **LAC**. A 2-bladed horizontal propeller.

0711. Regulations for the Wearing of Rank Badges by WOs and Other Ranks.

a. **Sleeve Rank Badges.** Sleeve Rank badges described above are to be worn as follows:

(1) By all ranks on the No 1 SD jacket.

(2) On pool greatcoats loaned for a particular ceremonial occasion, only WO and NCO badges are to be worn.

(3) By WOs and SNCOs on No 5 and 8 SD (Mess Dress). The gold-embellished, single rank badge is worn on the right sleeve only, in the position prescribed for No 1 SD.

b. **Positioning of Sleeve Rank Badges.** On authorised garments, except Mess Dress, sleeve rank badges are to be displayed centrally on the outer face of both sleeves and positioned as follows:

(1) WO - centre off badge 6½" (16.5 cm) from sleeve bottom.

(2) SNCO/JNCO - lowest point of chevrons 9½" (24.1 cm) from the shoulder seam.

(3) Junior ranks – centre of propeller bosses aircraftmen/women 6" (15.2 cm) from the shoulder seam.

c. **Shoulder Strap Rank Slides.** Shoulder rank slide badges are to be worn by all ranks on the strap (shoulder or chest) of appropriate garments. They should be neatly folded to the width of the shoulder strap, with the badge motif centrally positioned. All ranks of the RAFP and RAF Regt when employed in No 2 SD modes are to wear their distinctive RAFP or RAF Regt ranks slides. RAF Regt OG ranks slides are not to be worn with No 3 SD.

ARM RANK BADGES FOR NON-COMMISSIONED PERSONNEL

WO

MACR

FS - No 1 SD

FS Greatcoat

FS Aircrew – No 1 SD

Chf Tech

Sgt

Sgt Aircrew

Cpl

L/Cpl RAF Regt
(Image Pending)

JT

SAC (SD)

SAC

LAC

SHOULDER STRAP RANK SLIDES

WO

MACR
(Right Hand)

FS

FS Aircrew
(Left Hand)

Chf Tech

Sgt

Sgt Aircrew
(Left Hand)

Cpl

L/Cpl RAF Regt
(Image pending)

JT

SAC (SD)

SAC

LAC

HATS AND BADGES – WOs AND OHER RANKS

WO No 1 SD Hat

Airmen No 1 SD Hat
(See Note)

Airwomen No 1 SD
(Female WO may wear this with WO Hat Badge)

PMRAFNS Airwomen

Beret with Airman's/Airwoman's Badge
(WO wear this with miniature WO Badge)

FSC
(WO wear this with miniature WO Badge)

Note: RAF Police personnel of the rank of WO and below wear a white-topped No 1 SD Hat when wearing all variations of No 1 or 2 SD uniforms.

Qualification Badges

0712. Flying & Parachute Badges.
This section deals with those flying badges (QR 206, J727 & 728) and Parachute badges (QR 434 – 436) currently in issue. Further information is contained in Ch 6 in the Aircrew Clothing specifics.

BADGE	DESCRIPTION
Pilot	Two wings of drab silk (light ecru) embroidery with monogram 'RAF' in centre, surrounded by laurel leaf of brown silk and surmounted by a crown – on dark blue melton cloth. Wingtip to wingtip should be 4" (10cm) long.
Weapon Systems Officer / Weapon Systems Operator (WSO/WSOp)	One wing of drab silk (light ecru) embroidery with monogram 'RAF' surrounded by a laurel leaf of brown silk, surmounted by a crown. The outspread drab silk wing is 2½" (6.35 cm) long on dark blue melton cloth.
Airborne Specialist	One wing of drab silk (light ecru) embroidery with monogram 'RAF' surrounded by a laurel leaf of brown silk. The outspread drab silk wing is 2½" (6.35 cm) long on dark blue melton cloth.
Parachute Jump Instructor (PJI)	A small parachute in drab silk surrounded by a laurel leaf with the outspread drab silk wing 2⅛" (5.5 cm) long – on dark blue melton cloth.
Reserve Pilot (Air Experience)	Two wings of light-blue silk embroidery with white monogram 'VR' in centre, surrounded by laurel leaf of brown silk and surmounted by a white crown – on dark blue melton cloth. Wingtip to wingtip should be 4" (10cm) long.
Reserve Pilot (Glider)	Two wings of drab silk (light ecru) embroidery with monogram 'G' in centre, surrounded by laurel leaf of blue silk and surmounted by a crown – on dark blue melton cloth. Wingtip to wingtip should be 4" (10cm) long.
Preliminary Flying Badge.	Eagle of drab silk (light ecru) embroidery – on dark blue melton cloth.

Note. With effect 1 Apr 03 the Navigator, Air Electronics Officer, Air Electronics Operator, Air Engineer and Air Loadmaster flying badges for non-pilot personnel (see below) were replaced by the single Weapon Systems Officer (WSO) and Weapon Systems Operator (WSOp) badge. With effect 1 Apr 19, the RPAS Pilot badge, which was the Pilot badge as described above with a blue laurel-leaf, was discontinued. With effect 1 Apr 20 the Fighter Controller (FC), Airborne Technician (AT), Airborne Image Analyst (IA) and Qualified Gliding Instructor Flying Badges were replaced between 2020 and 2021. Details are published in an RAF IBN 16/20.

Those aircrew who were already qualified to wear old style individual flying badges can opt to wear the new badge or retain the old style but there will be no further provisioning of the legacy flying badge.

Examples of 2-wing and 1-wing full-size dimension and design.

Drab Silk, Dark Blue Melton Cloth

Length of Wings 10cm (4")

Length of Badge 12cm (4.5")

Length of Wing
(not length of badge)
2½" (6.35 cm) long

Drab Silk, Dark Blue Melton Cloth

0713. When entitled to wear one of the flying badges described at Para 0712, it is to be worn on the left breast of the No 1, 1A, 6 uniform jacket immediately and centrally above the top line of conventional breast pockets (when fitted) and in a corresponding position on the jersey. They can also be worn on No 3 and 14 Dress unless operationally inappropriate. When medal ribbons are worn, flying badges are to be placed directly above the top row of medal ribbons, with a space of ¼" (6.5 mm) between the lowest part of the badge and the upper edge of ribbon(s).

a. A flying badge, being a qualification badge, is not to be regarded as either a decoration or the equivalent of a regimental badge. Service personnel are not to wear any of the badges listed above and in QRs unless authority for them to do so has been granted in accordance with QRJ 727 and 728.

b. Aircrew who are qualified for more than one flying badge are not to wear a badge other than that appropriate to the flying duty in which they are currently categorised or mustered, except where MOD authority is granted. An individual who is entitled to wear a badge and is undergoing training for another aircrew category may continue to wear the badge of the former category until award of the flying badge of the new category.

c. An officer or airman, having reached Combat Ready or B1 Instructor Category on ceasing to be employed on flying duties, unless ordered otherwise, may elect to wear any of the badges for which they have been previously qualified for in accordance with QRJ 727.

d. A foreign flying badge is not to be worn with RAF uniform. This regulation does not preclude RAF personnel from accepting the presentation of a foreign flying badge.

0714. Flying badges worn with No 5 and 8 SD (Mess Dress) are to be half size, gold embroidered on blue/grey material. The badge is positioned on the left lapel with the top of the centre of the badge 1½" (3.8 cm) below the inner end of the collar step opening.

Other Qualification Badges

0715. Parachutist Badge With Wings (see QR 435). The parachutist badge with wings depicts an opened parachute flanked by a pair of wings. The parachute is embroidered in white and the wings in light blue. When authorised the badge is to be worn on the right sleeve, with the badge centre 3" (7.6 cm) below the shoulder seam on No 1, 1A , 2 (Jersey), No 3 jacket and smock, 4, 6 and 6A SD. A small gold embroidered version is to be worn on No 5, 5A and 8 SD uniforms in the same position.

0716. Special Forces (SF) Parachutist Badge. RAF personnel who have completed the SF Selection and who have successfully completed the SF Parachute Course are entitled to wear the SF Parachutist Badge. The badge is to be worn in the same manner as for the parachutist badge with wings.

0717. Parachutist Badge Without Wings (see QR 435). The parachutist badge without wings consists of an opened parachute in white on a circular background. The badge is to be worn by qualified officers and airmen in the same manner as for the parachutist badge with wings.

0718. All Arms Commando Dagger. The red dagger can be worn by qualified officers and airmen, with the exception of FSs and Chf Techs, on the left sleeve of their No 1 , No 5 , No 2 Jersey and No 6 SD (when issued) centrally positioned with the tip of the badge 4" from the shoulder seam. When worn by a FS or Chf Tech on No 1, No 5 or No 6 SD, the badge is to be positioned on the left sleeve of the respective uniform with the lower point of the badge 2 inches from the cuff in line with the point of the chevrons.

0719. Cabin Crew Badge. The badge design is a pair of wings in light blue silk with a central motif of the letters 'CC'. It is to be worn on the right sleeve of No 1 , No 2 jersey and 6 SD (when issued), centrally positioned, with the top of the central motif 4" (10.2 cm) below the shoulder seam.

0720. RAF Paramedic Badge. The badge depicts a caduceus mounted on a light blue Star of Life on a dark blue background. It is to be worn on the right sleeve as prescribed for the Cabin Crew badge. When worn by FS on No 1, No 5 or 6 SD, the badge is to be positioned on the right sleeve of the respective uniform with the lower point of the badge 2 inches from the cuff in line with the point of the chevrons. A subdued version is worn immediately below the RAF TRF on the right blanking plate of combat uniform. If personnel hold both the Flight Medic qualification and Paramedic registration, then the Paramedic badge takes precedence.

0721. Flight Medical Badges.

a. **Flight Medical Officer (FMO) Badge.** The badge depicts a central design of brown staff and gold serpents flanked by white wings. It is to be worn by authorised officers on the right sleeve of the jacket of No 1 or 6 SD Jacket (it is not worn on No 6 Frocks), centred 4" (10.2 cm) below the shoulder and in a similar position on the No 2 jersey and No 14 SD clothing. A miniature gold embroidered version may be worn in the same position on No 5 and 8 SD. An officer entitled to wear this badge and the parachutist badge with wings, is to wear only the FMO badge.

b. **Flight Nursing Officers (FNO) and Flight Nurse (FN) Badge.** The badge design is a pair of wings in light blue silk with gold laurel leaves imposed through them. A red and gold silk crown tops a central motif of a red cross encircled on white background. It is to be worn by authorised personnel on the right sleeve of the jacket of No 1 or 6 SD Jacket (it is not worn on No 6 Frocks). It is centred 4" (10.2 cm) below the shoulder and in a similar position on the No 2 jersey and flying clothing. A miniature gold embroidered version may

be worn in the same position on No 5 and 8 Dress. When worn by FS on No 1, No 5,or No 6 SD, the badge is to be positioned on the right sleeve of the respective uniform with the lower point of the badge 2 inches from the cuff in line with the point of the chevrons.

c. **Flight Medic Badge.** This is similar to the air stewards' badge except that the central motif is a red cross on a light blue background and, with the exception of FS ranks in No 1 , No 6 (it is not worn on No 6 Frocks) or No 5 SD, is to be worn as prescribed for the cabin crew badge. When worn by FS on No 1, No 5 or 6 SD, the badge is to be positioned on the right sleeve of the respective uniform with the lower point of the badge 2 inches from the cuff in line with the point of the chevrons. This badge is not worn on No 6 SD Frocks.

0722. Mountain Rescue Badge. The RAF Mountain Rescue badge is worn by officers and airmen who are serving or have served on an RAF Mountain Rescue Team and have passed the qualifying requirements detailed in AP3392 nd the Mountain Rescue Service Training Record Book. The badge is to be worn as follows:

a. By officers and WOs on the right sleeve of the No 1 SD jacket, with the top edge of the badge background 4" (10.2 cm) below the shoulder seam.

b. By NCOs, airmen and airwomen on the right sleeve of the No 1 SD jacket, with the base of the badge background 4" (10.2 cm) from the bottom edge of the sleeve.

c. By all ranks, on the right sleeve of the No 2 SD jersey, with the base of the badge background 4" (10.2 cm) from the bottom edge of the sleeve.

d. Officers and WOs may wear a gold embroidered Mountain Rescue badge on the right sleeve of the No 5 SD jacket with the top edge of the badge background 4" (10.2 cm) below the shoulder seam.

e. SNCOs may wear a gold embroidered Mountain Rescue badge on the right sleeve of the No 5 SD jacket with the base of the badge background 4" (10.2 cm) from the bottom edge of the sleeve.

0723. Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Badge. The RAF EOD badge is worn by qualified officers and other ranks whilst employed on full time bomb disposal duties. Additionally, the badge may be worn by officers and other ranks who are not currently employed on EOD duties but who have passed a recognised, formal Defence EOD course. The badge is to be worn as follows:

a. By officers, WOs and airmen/airwomen on the right sleeve of the No 1 SD jacket, with the top edge of the badge background 9" (22.9 cm) below the shoulder seam.

b. By NCOs on the right sleeve of the No 1 SD jacket, with the top edge of the badge background ½" (1.3 cm) below the point of the chevron.

c. By all ranks, on the right sleeve of the No 2 SD jersey, with the base of the badge background 4" (10.2 cm) from the bottom edge of the sleeve.

d. Officers and WOs may wear a half-size gold embroidered EOD badge on the right sleeve of the No 5 SD jacket with the top edge of the badge background 9" (22.9 cm) below the shoulder seam.

e. SNCOs may wear a half-size gold embrodiered EOD badge on the right sleeve of the No 5 SD jacket with the top edge of the badge background ½" (1.3 cm) below the point of the chevron.

0724. Bomb Disposal (BD) Armlet. When actively engaged in EOD duties and wearing protective clothing, BD armlets are to be worn on the upper left arm by officers, WO and airmen/airwomen, whether employed full or part time.

0725. US Space Operations Badge. All personnel who are awarded the US Space Operations Badge after completion of US delivered Mission Training are permitted to wear them on the following orders of dress: No 2 A, No 2 B and No 3 Light Weight Jacket, only. The Space Operations Badge may be worn for the duration of the individual being directly employed in a Space Post. The wings are to be worn immediately above the right breast shirt pocket and where an individual wears a name badge then it is worn immediately above that. The Wings may be worn regardless of Unit they are on duty at whilst they remain in their Space related Post. The Wings are not to be worn on No 1, No 2 (Jumper), No 5 or No 3 SD (Smock). Additionally, they are not to be worn once an individual is no longer in a Space Post.

0726. Marksman Badge. The marksman badge consists of crossed rifles worked in light blue silk and is worn by all qualified non-commissioned personnel on the No 2 SD jersey only. The single badge is to be worn with the bottom edge 4" (10.2 cm) above the bottom of the right sleeve.

0727. Drum Major Badge. This is a trade qualification badge for qualified musicians only and is not a rank badge. Description and dress regulations are as promulgated by HQ Music Services. No drum (or pipe) major badge is authorised for wear on official Service Dress by members of voluntary bands. Voluntary bandsmen are to wear their usual badges of rank with their voluntary bandsman badges.

0728. Voluntary Bandsman Badge. The voluntary bandsman badge consists of an anodised lyre in a wreath. It is worn on the No 1 jacket and the No 2 SD jersey, above the elbow on the left sleeve only, as follows:

a. By NCOs with the top of the badge ½" (1.3 cm) below the point of the chevron.

b. By junior technicians, aircraftmen/women with the top of the badge 9" (22.9 cm) below the shoulder seam.

0729. Royal Navy Submariner's Badge. A gilt badge with clutch pin fastening that consists of the Crown sited above a fouled anchor supported on each side by heraldic dolphins. It is worn on the left side immediately above and central to the chest pocket on men's No1 and No6 uniforms and in a corresponding position on women's No1 and No6. When worn above medal ribbons the lower edge of the badge is to be placed 6.5mm above the top edge of the ribbon(s). When worn on PCS CU (No3) for deployments at sea, an olive green cloth version is to be worn on the left side immediately above and central to the chest pocket on the lightweight jacket and smock.

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0730. Qualification Badges – Warm Weather Areas. Except where stated, qualification badges for wear on temperate climate dress are silk embroidered on dark blue felt and are to be worn without any trimming or reduction of the background. However, when authorised for wear on KD items of uniform, the background may be trimmed to present flat images.

ROYAL AIR FORCE FLYING BADGES (wef 1 Apr 2020)

ROYAL AIR FORCE AIRCREW

Pilot

Weapon Systems Officer/Operator (WSO/ WSOp)

HONORARY AIRCREW FROM THE GROUND BRANCHES & TRADES

Airborne Specialist

Parachute Jump Instructor

RESERVE AIRCREW

Reserve Pilot (Air Experience)

Preliminary Flying Badge
(UAS only)

Reserve Pilot (Glider)

OTHER QUALIFICATION BADGES

Parachutist Badge with Wings

SF Parachutist Badge

Parachutist Badge without Wings

All Arms Command Dagger

Cabin Crew

Flight Medical Officer

Flight Nursing Officer

Flight Medic

RAF Paramedic

Mountain Rescue

Bomb Disposal

US Space Operations (No3)

Marksman

Drum Major

Voluntary Bandsman

Branch and Trade Group Badges

0731. RAFMS Trades and Branches. The winged caduceus of Mercury surmounted by a crown is the collar lapel badge for all ranks. These are worn following successful completion of Phase 2 Training. Those exempted Phase 2 are to display the caduceus as below on arrival at their first assignment. Caducei are not to be worn for Phase 1 graduation. Separated versions of the badge are to be worn as follows:

a. The gilt wing caduceus badge is the lapel badge for all ranks on the collars of No 1 and No 6 SD jackets. The bottom of the badge is to be positioned 1" (2.5 cm) above the inner end of the step opening; the staff of the badge is to be parallel with the inside (rolled) edge and midway between that and the outer edge of the collar.

b. A gilt or silver winged caduceus is to be worn by medical and PMRAFNS officers, WOs and SNCOs on both lapels of the No 5 and 8 SD (Mess Dress). It is to be positioned vertically and centrally on the wearer's right front quarter of each lapel.

0732. Identification and Qualification badges – PMRAFNS (Non-Commissioned Element) Nurses. Badges are to be worn by male and female personnel as follows:

a. The medical caduceus badge, blue embroidered within a wreath and initials and surname, all on a white background, is to be sewn on the wearer's upper left front of the No 2D SD variations.

b. Registered General Nurse qualification is identified by navy blue shoulder strap sleeves of petersham ribbon. Shoulder rank badges are to be fitted over the ribbon so that ½" (1.3 cm) of the ribbon is visible below the base of the rank badge.

0733. Dental (incl Med Tech Branch – Dental Section). The collar lapel badge for all ranks is gilt, comprising a laurel wreath enclosing the letters 'DB' and flanked on each side by wings. The badge is to be worn as follows:

a. The dental collar badge is to be worn on the No 1, 6 and 6B SD as prescribed for the Medical Branch in Para 0721. The long axis of the badge is to be horizontal.

b. By all personnel on No 5 and 8 SD, as prescribed for the medical badge in Para 0721, with the long axis of the badge horizontal.

0734. Chaplains Branch. The Branch lapel badges consist of the relevant symbol in black metal, with gilded wings and a wreath with the letters 'RAF' superimposed over the centre. It is worn in pairs, as follows:

a. On the jackets of No 1 and 6 SD with the base of the badges centred 1"(2.5 cm) above the inner ends of the step openings of the collar.

b. On the jackets of No 5 and 8 SD with the top of the badge ¼" (6 mm) below the inner ends of the collar step openings. The upright centre of the badge is to be parallel with the inside (rolled) edge and midway between it and the outside edge of the collar.

c. With all remaining orders of dress, the gold embroidered Chaplain's shoulder slides should be worn, as in the manner as prescribed for RAF Regt Officers slides in Para 0707 d.

Enlarged, embroidered versions of the insignia are worn on the RAF Chaplain's scarf.

0735. Honorary Chaplains to The Sovereign. With uniform orders of dress, Honorary Chaplains to the Sovereign wear aiguillettes and shoulder devices as prescribed in Chap 9. Additional entitlements are as follows:

a. A special gilt badge consisting of the Royal Cypher and Crown within a laurel wreath. When conducting religious services this badge is worn below decorations, medals or medal ribbons, on the left side of the scarf and on academic or ordinary clerical dress.

b. During the tenure of their appointment only, Honorary Chaplains may also wear a red cassock.

The standard version of the badge described in 'a' above may continue to be worn by former Honorary Chaplains to the Sovereign, consecrated bishops, or those installed as deans or provosts. A miniature version of the badge may be worn by other former Honorary Chaplains to the Sovereign.

0736. Chaplain's Assistants. On appointment, Chaplains' Assistants receive from Chaplains Services (RAF) the requisite uniform buttons (with crusader cross motif), RAF Chaplains brooches and gilded crosses. They are to be worn as follows:

a. **Chaplains brooch.**

(1) On the officer's and the airwomen's SD hat the brooch is to be centrally positioned at the front of the black band, with the top edge of the cross in line with the top edge of the band.

(2) On No 5 and 8 SD the brooch is to be positioned centrally, on the wearer's right front lapel, corresponding with the position on their left lapel.

b. **Gilded crosses**.

(1) On uniform jackets and outerwear the gilded crosses are to be positioned centrally and vertically with the base of the cross ¼" (6 mm) above the 'V' of each collar step opening.

(2) When in shirt-sleeve order, one cross is to be worn on the wearer's right chest, positioned as for the mess dress brooch.

(3) When wearing a jersey, a cross is to be worn on each shoulder strap, positioned longitudinally with the base of the cross centred ¼" (6 mm) from the sewn-in edge of the epaulette.

Entitled insignia and ribbons of orders, decorations and medals may be worn on appropriate uniform dress as indicated in chap 8.

0737. RAF Regt. Members of the RAF Regt and personnel entitled to wear the RAF Regt qualification as follows:

a. **RAF Regiment Shoulder Badge.** The RAF Regt arm badge is embroidered in light blue on dark blue felt for temperate and No 6 SD uniforms. The badge is worn by all ranks of the RAF Regt and RAuxAF Regt following successful completion of basic specialist training, members of the RAF Regt Band and personnel entitled to continue wearing the badge on re-muster, subject to CG Regt's direction. It is to be worn by officers and airmen/airwomen on both jacket sleeves of No 1, 1A, 6, 6A SD and on the greatcoat by officers and airmen/airwomen of the Queen's Colour Squadron only. An olive green version is to be affixed to No 3 upper garments. The badge is to be mounted with the centre point ¼" (6 mm) below the sleeve head seam. A miniature RAF Regt shoulder badge of the approved pattern, woven in gold wire and mounted on Venetian cloth, is to be worn by RAF Regt officers and RAuxAF Regt officers on No 5 and 8 SD. Similarly, WOs and SNCOs of the RAF Regt and the RAuxAF Regt may also wear this badge on their No 5 or No 8 SD. The badge is to be mounted with the centre point ¼" (6 mm) below the sleeve head seam. To facilitate laundering, the badge is to be mounted on press-studs for wear with No 8 SD.

b. **Shoulder/Chest Rank Slides.** Only RAF Regt personnel may wear distinguishing rank slides. Blue shoulder slides are to worn by personnel when employed in No 2 SD modes.

c. **Sqn Drop Zone (DZ) Patches**. Sqn DZ patches may be worn on the No 3 SD jacket with the Sqn Cdrs permission. They are to be OG with the centrepiece of the authorised Sqn badge embroidered in black, coloured versions are not to be worn. They are worn centrally mid-way up the right sleeve of the field jacket (or parachute smock if appropriate), positioned below parachutist wings if awarded. RAF Regt personnel not serving on sqns may wear the RAF Regt DZ patch with embroidered crossed rifles and astral crown instead.

0738. Provost Officers and RAFP. RAFP Dress and Accoutrements are covered under AP1722 Pt 2 Chap 4 Sec 1. However, of note, members of the Provost Branch and RAFP wear distinguishing armlets and shoulder slides as follows:

a. **Armlets**. The RAFP armlet is to be worn on the left arm, above the elbow, when in No 1 and No 6 SD (Jacket). It is also provided for wear on those protective outer garments that are not fitted with shoulder straps. The DPM/PM and AO FP armlet may also be worn by entitled officers holding these appointments.

b. **RAFP Shoulder Strap Rank Slides**. RAFP Shoulder rank slide badges, of the appropriate colour (blue or OG), are to be worn by all ranks on the rank strap (shoulder or chest) of appropriate garments

c. **No 3 SD MP Patch.** A red MP patch (6.5 x 5 cm) is worn on No 3 SD uniform to identify the wearer as RAFP. It is to be worn immediately below the RAF TRF or EAW/EAG badge on the right blanking plate.

d. **RAFP badge.**

(1) Officers and WOs may wear a gold embroidered RAFP badge on the right sleeve of the No 5 SD jacket with the top edge of thebadge background 9" (22.9 cm) below the shoulder seam.

(2) SNCOs may wear a gold embroidered RAFP badge on the right sleeve of the No 5 SD jacket with the top edge of the badge background ½" (1.3 cm) below the point of the chevron.

Trade Badges – Airmen/Airwomen

0739. Musicians – Established Bands. The badge of the musicians of the established bands consists of a lyre in a wreath surmounted by a crown. It is to be worn as promulgated by HQ Music Services.

0740. PTI Badge. The badge, worn by qualified PTIs below the rank of WO, depicts crossed swords with an eagle superimposed, surmounted by a crown. It is to be worn on the right jacket sleeve of No 1 and No 6 SD with the top edge of the background ½" (1.3 cm) below the point of the chevron. A white background version is provided for the PTI Jacket and vest.

0741. Telecommunications Badge. The telecommunications badge is worn by TG2 (Avionics), TG3, TG4 and TG11 personnel. It is worn in the following manner:

a. By FS, Chf Techs, Sgts and Cpls on the right jacket sleeve of No 1 SD and No 6 SD, with the top edge of the background ½" (1.3 cm) below the point of the chevron.

b. By WO, JT and below, as for NCO ranks, but with the top edge of the background 9" (23.5 cm) below the shoulder seam.

BRANCH AND TRADE BADGES

Medical Gilt Caduceus

PMRAFNS

Dental Branch

Chaplains Branch[1]

RAF Regt Shoulder Badge No 1 SD

RAF Regt Shoulder Badge – No3 Dress

Telecommunications

PTI (Blue)

PTI Vest (White)

[1] Christian Denomination displayed. Jewish, Sikh and Islamic Chaplin badges now also in service since Apr 19.

RAFP Rank Slide

All Ranks RAFP Armlet

RAFP Arm Patch

RAFP No 5 SD

Distinguishing Badges – for the RAuxAF

0742. Internal Briefing Note 56/16 dated 8 Aug 16 removes the requirement for RauxAF personnel to wear denoting insignia. Serving personnel may continue wearing the insigia as described below on ceremonial dress until replacement of the jacket(s).

0743. Officers. Officers are to wear Gilt metal 'A' badges, ½" (13 mm) in height on greatcoat shoulder straps and $^{3}/_{8}$" (9 mm) in height on all other uniforms mounted as listed below:

a. Jacket of No 1, 5, 6 and No 8 SD uniforms.

(1) **Medical Officers and PMRAFNS**. $^{1}/_{8}$" (3 mm) below the Medical badge with a second gilt "A" badge in a similar position on the opposite collar/lapel.

(2) **Dental Officers**. $^{1}/_{8}$" (3 mm) below the Dental badge with a second gilt "A" badge in a similar position on the opposite collar/lapel.

(3) **Chaplains**. 1/8" (3 mm) above the Chaplains badge.

(4) **Other Officers.** On the jacket collar, 1" (2.5 cm) above the inner end of the step opening midway between the outer edge and the inner (rolled) edge, placed in such a way that the badge is aligned vertically.

b. Greatcoats.

(1) **Flt Lts and above**. Midway between the top and bottom edges of the rank braid.

(2) **Fg Off and below**. With the bottom of the letter contiguous with the bottom edge of the rank braid.

(3) **Chaplain's scarf**. When robed as clergy at parade services, the scarf is to bear on each end below the badge the letter ' A' embroidered in gold.

0744. WOs and Other Ranks. Airmen and airwomen are to wear embroidered 'A' badges on both sleeves of No 1, 5, 6 SD uniforms and greatcoats, positioned as follows:

a. **WOs**. Position the 'A' immediately below the Royal Arms and Macr badge.

b. **FS and below**. Position the 'A' centrally and aligned vertically, ¼" (6 mm) below the bottom edge of the eagle badge.

Distinguishing Badges – RAFAC

0745. RAFAC Branch Gilt metal pin ½" (13 mm) in height for wear on the No 1 SD jacket, are to be worn by all officers, in accordance with the direction given in para 0739 above. All pre-graduate RAFAC officers undergoing training are to wear plain white slides, with a 13 mm gilt metal RAFAC pin inserted centrally in each slide. These are to be worn on the shoulder straps of the No 2 SD shirt or jersey, on the central rank strap of No 3 SD. Upon graduating officers remove the white slides and replace with their appropriate rank slides with RAFAC embroidered below.

Other Badges

0746. Duty Armlets. Distinguishing armlets are provided for personnel to wear when actually engaged on specific duties, e.g. movements, orderly officer/sergeant. They are to be worn on the left arm above the elbow.

0747. RAF College Initial Officer Training. All personnel undergoing initial officer training are to wear the following distinguishing insignia:

a. **No 2 and 3 SD**. On all forms of No 2 SD, personnel undergoing IOT are to wear a white band 1½" (3.8 cm) wide on each shoulder strap on the appropriate dress. The white bands may have coloured braid centrally imposed to denote the squadron.

b. **Headdress**. On the beret, a white plastic roundel is to be worn with an officer's miniature cap badge superimposed. On the No 1 SD hat, a white band 1½" (3.8 cm) wide is to be worn round the cap so that it covers the black mohair band, and an officer's hat badge is to be superimposed.

c. **Outerwear**. No distinctions are to be worn on the outerwear.

0748. UAS. Members of the UAS are to wear the following distinguishing insignia:

a. **No 1 SD**. On the No 1 SD jacket cadets are to wear, on the shoulder, university squadron arm badges. Acting Pilot Officers (APO) are to wear white lapel flashes with the gold VR badge attached to the lapel flash, and not attached directly to the No 1 SD jacket.

b. **No 2 SD**. A white band 1½" (3.8 cm) is to be worn by cadets on each shoulder strap of No 2 Shirts and Jerseys. White bands are also to be worn on straps of No 14 SDand on the central rank slide of No 3 clothing. When wearing a heavy jersey, a university squadron arm badge is to be sewn on the right shoulder patch.

c. **APO.** APOs are to wear white bands with the Pilot officer rank slide positioned centrally across the white band when wearing No 2 SD, No 14 SD and No 3 SD.

d. **Headdress**. Cadets are to wear a white plastic roundel on the beret with an airman's cap badge superimposed when wearing No 2 SD.

d. **Outerwear**. No distinctions are to be worn on the outerwear.

0749. University Cadets. When at university cadets are in all respects to dress as fully commissioned officers, except during courses of instruction at the RAF College Cranwell, when their badges of distinction are to be at the discretion of the College Commandant.

Recruit Training Establishments

0750. Training Schools may authorise the wearing of other accutriments (e.g. Senior Student lanyards) with No 2 and 3 SD within school bounds, and outside school bounds when engaged in training exercises. Individual schools may decide whether there is a local requirement to

wear them; such a decision should be balanced against the need to exercise economy. The items authorised and the significances attached to them are:

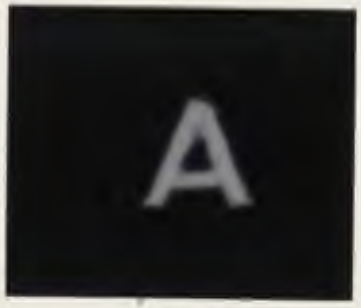
a. Coloured disc to be worn behind the cap badge (range of six colours, in two sizes to equate to the different size of airmen's and airwomen's cap badges) to signify members of a particular intake squadron or flight during Phase 1 and Phase 2 training.

b. Colour braid shoulder flash, worn as a loop or shoulder straps to signify members of a particular flight, or trainees on particular courses.

c. Coloured lanyards, maroon to identify the person appointed as senior trainee of the flight, and yellow for any other trainee in a nominated appointment (e.g. senior man, or duty trainee).

DISTINGUISHING BADGES – RAuxAF

Royal Auxiliary Air Force Officers



Airmen

DUTY ARMLETS

Orderly Officer

Orderly Sergeant

Orderly Corporal

Medical Orderly

Instructor

Fire Piquet

Air Movements Officer

Air Movements Controller

CHAPTER 8

ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS

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GENERAL

0801. Orders, decorations and medals are to be worn with uniform on the occasions indicated in Chap 10 and as prescribed in this Chap. Within this Chap the term 'riband', is used for any material from which may be suspended Orders, Decorations or Medals. The term 'ribbon' is used for that material that is stitched directly on to a uniform to denote the award of an Order, Decoration or Medal.

Award Ceremonies

0802. Investitures. Investitures are held at Buckingham Palace, Holyrood House and Cardiff Castle for the presentation of awards by the Sovereign or other members of the Royal Family on the Sovereign's behalf. The Sovereign receives privately and invests all those who are appointed Knights of the Garter and the Thistle, Members of the Order of Merit and Companions of Honour. The Sovereign also receives privately some recipients of honours in other orders, particularly those who have rendered private or personal service to the Sovereign. In addition to the above mentioned, recipients of the Victoria Cross, George Cross, Knights and Dames Grand Cross, Knights and Dames Grand Commanders also Knights and Dames Commander are summoned to Buckingham Palace, provided they are in the United Kingdom and it is possible for them to attend. If recipients of the Victoria Cross or George Cross are unlikely to be in the United Kingdom for a considerable time arrangements may be made for the awards to be presented overseas by the appropriate representative of the Sovereign.

0803. Recipients of the following awards who are in the United Kingdom will be summoned to Buckingham Palace under the arrangements notified by the Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood, alternatively, those serving abroad who are unable to attend an Investiture in the UK may elect to have their award presented by the appropriate representative of the Sovereign.

a. Companions, Commanders, Officers, Lieutenant and Members of British Orders.

b. Distinguished Service Order.

c. Royal Red Cross.

d. All decorations and medals awarded for gallantry.

e. Polar Medal.

f. Royal Victorian Medal.

0804. Attendance. Those invited to private ceremonies and recipients of all awards, which qualify for attendance at Buckingham Palace, are summoned to attend by the Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood. A person receiving an award at an investiture is usually entitled to bring three guests.

0805. If a person is unable to attend an investiture through ill-health, or service abroad, attendance may be deferred. However, in cases when permanent ill-health prevents attendance at an investiture, arrangements can be made through the Central Chancery at St James Palace for insignia to be sent by post.

0806. Recipients of Other Awards. Those mentioned in despatches, commended for bravery, bravery in the air or for valuable service, or awarded medals for meritorious service or for long service and good conduct, receive their award on a parade or at a ceremony arranged by the Commanding Officer.

0807. Posthumous Awards. In cases of posthumous awards for gallantry, or when death occurs before an order, decoration or medal awarded for gallantry can be presented, the next-of-kin (subject to their being legally entitled to receive the insignia) may attend a private investiture in Buckingham Palace.

0808. Effective Date for wearing of Ribbons and Insignia. From the effective date of an award, the person concerned is to wear the ribbon of the award with day uniform and the miniature on the brooch with evening uniform (see Para 0859). A title and/or post nominal letters associated with an award are used with effect from the date of the award. When appointed to a higher grade within the same division of an order, the insignia of the lower grade may no longer be worn, e.g CBE (military) appointed to a KBE (military) ceases wearing the CBE badge from the award date even though the KBE insignia may not have been presented.

0809. Orders of Dress. Orders of dress for Ceremonial Occasions are detailed at Chap 10.

0810. Immediately after an investiture, recipients of awards are given a case for holding the insignia, together with brief instructions for wearing them. Warrants of Appointments are forwarded later from the Central Chancery.

Return of Insignia on Death of Holder

0811. The following insignia are normally handed back and personally to the Sovereign by the nearest male relative of the deceased holder after instructions are received from the Private Secretary.

a. Order of the Garter – Star and Badge (Lesser George).

b. Order of the Thistle – Star and Badge.

Executors are to return the following insignia of deceased holders direct to the Central Chancery. (St James's Palace, London, SW1 1BH).

a. Order of the Garter – the Garter.

b. Collars with badges appending of the Orders of the Garter and Thistle, also of Knights and Dames Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath.

c. Collars of Knights and Dames Grand Cross of the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, the Royal Victorian Order and the Order of the British Empire.

d. The Royal Victorian Chain.

Other insignia may be retained by the person legally entitled to receive them under the terms of the Will of the deceased.

Lost Insignia

0812. Applications for replacement of lost insignia, accompanied by a full report outlining the circumstances and action taken to recover the items, should be sent direct to the Central Chancery in respect of.

a. Order of Knighthood.

b. Distinguished Service Order.

c. George Cross.

d. George Medal.

e. Coronation and Jubilee Medals.

Applications of replacements should be sent through MOD Medals Office vide JSP761 Chapter 1 Annex C. Replacement may be at public expense if the loss is due entirely to unavoidable circumstances arising out of the exigencies of the Service, otherwise replacement is on prepayment. Insignia belonging to deceased persons is not normally replaced. Decorations for gallantry may be replaced to the direct next-of-kin of the first generation, upon prepayment. Certified copies of Warrants of Appointment can be obtained from the Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood.

Sequence in Which Insignia Is Worn

0813. A general pictorial description of order of wear for medals is shown at Annex E to this Chap. A full list, at Annex F, shows the order in which Orders, Decorations and Medals should be worn; the list also indicates where it is appropriate to use letters after the name.

EMBLEMS

Mentions in Despatches

0814. Mentions in Despatches, the award of King's Commendations and Queen's Commendations, are to be indicated by wearing the following emblems in the manner prescribed.

a. **Mentions in Despatches**

(1) 1945 – 1993. A single bronze oak leaf, if granted for service in operations after the cessation of hostilities, is to be worn on the ribbon of the appropriate general service or campaign medal[1].

(2) 1993 and Subsequently. The single silver oak leaf Emblem for gallantry in active operations from 3rd September 1993, if awarded for services in a theatre for which a campaign medal or a clasp has been granted, is worn on the riband of the appropriate medal. If the award is made for services out of theatre or in a theatre for which no campaign medal or clasp has been granted, the Emblem is to be worn directly on the coat after any Medal ribands.

b. **Queen's Commendation For Brave Conduct Or Valuable Service In The Air**

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[1] If the designated medal has not been granted, the emblem is to be worn on a piece of cloth of the same colour as the uniform after any medal ribbon. If there are no medal ribbons, these emblems and/or those awarded for meritorious service or gallantry are to be worn in the position in which a single ribbon would be worn. When medals are suspended from a brooch and there is no ribbon which can carry the emblem, it is to be sewn on either blue/grey or stone ribbon (i.e. to match the garment on which it is being worn), fixed to the brooch and positioned as already mentioned. Irrespective of the number of Mentions in Despatches or King's or Queen's Commendations granted (whether for bravery or bravery in the air) and, irrespective of the status of the person at the time of the award, one emblem only is to be worn on each appropriate ribbon in respect of service in the Second World War or after. Similarly, not more than one emblem is to be worn directly on the appropriate garment. This emblem is not to be worn on the greatcoat or outerwear. The same positioning applies to a ribbon brooch worn on warm-weather clothing.

(1) **Queen's Commendation for bravery (1994 and subsequently).** The Emblem of silver laurel leaves granted to a civilian is worn directly on the coat after any Medal ribands. When the Emblem is granted to Armed Forces personnel it should be worn in a similar manner to that described above for Mentions in Despatches (1993 and subsequently).

(2) **Queen's Commendation for valuable service in the air (1952-94).** The silver badge granted to denote a civil King's Commendation or Queen's Commendation for valuable service in the air is worn on the coat immediately below any Medals or Medal ribands. In civil airline uniform the badge is worn on the panel of the left breast pocket.

(3) **Queen's Commendation for bravery (1994 and subsequently).** The silver eagle Emblem granted to civilians is worn directly on the coat after any Medal ribands. When the Emblem is granted to Armed Forces personnel it should be worn in a identical manner to that described above for Mentions in Despatches (1993 and subsequently).

(4) **Queen's Commendation for valuable service (1993 and subsequently).** The Emblem of silver oak leaves should be worn in a identical manner to that described above for Mentions in Despatches (1993 and subsequently).

0815. There are three sizes of each emblem, prior to September 1993[2], for wear as follows:

a. **Large.** With full size medal, mounted in the centre of the ribbon at an angle of 60 degrees from the inside edge of the ribbon with the leaf/leaves pointing upwards towards the wearer's left shoulder. For the South Atlantic Medal the rosette is placed centrally with the oak leaf above it.

b. **Medium.** When medal ribbon only is worn, mounted horizontally across the ribbon with the stalk pointing to the wearer's right. For the South Atlantic Medal the rosette and oak leaf should be side by side with the oak leaf nearest the left shoulder.

c. **Small.** When miniature medals are worn mounted in the same way as when full size medals are worn.

Other Emblems

0816. Certain emblems are authorised for wear on ribbons of some British orders, decorations and medals, to indicate the wearer has been awarded a bar or clasp to the original decoration or medal for subsequent acts of bravery and further distinguished conduct in the air or field.

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[2] Post September 1993, only medium and small sized emblems are provided. The medium size is worn on both medal ribbon and ribbon bar. The eagle emblem of both sizes should be worn horizontally.

The emblems do not form part of the initial award and are not to be worn when the order, decoration or medal is worn in either full or miniature size: (see Note 1.)

a.	Victoria Cross	The original award includes a miniature replica of the cross in the centre of the ribbon (bronze for the VC and silver for the GC). The award of a bar to the original decoration is to be marked by the addition of a second miniature cross on the ribbon. An additional cross being added for each bar awarded.
b.	Distinguished Service Order Conspicuous Gallantry Cross Military Cross Distinguished Flying Cross Air Force Cross Distinguished Conduct Medal (Now discontinued)	A small silver rosette in the centre of the ribbon. When two or more bars have been awarded to one of these orders, decorations and medals, the corresponding number of rosettes is to be worn.
	Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying) (Now discontinued)	
	Military Medal (Now discontinued) Distinguished Flying Medal Air Force Medal George Medal Medal for Meritorious Service	
c.	Order of the British Empire British Empire Medal (Now discontinued)	A silver oak leaf emblem[3].

[3] Appointments to and promotions within the Order of the British Empire and awards of the British Empire Medal which have been granted on or after 14 January 1958 for gallantry, are indicated by an emblem of two silver oak leaves on the ribbon when worn with and without the order or medal.

d.	1939 – 1945 Star	A small silver gilt rosette[4] in the centre of the ribbon to indicate the grant of the clasp 'Battle of Britain'.
e.	Atlantic Star Aircrew Europe Star Africa Star Burma Star France and Germany Star	A small silver rosette[5] in the centre of the ribbon to indicate a clasp granted as an alternative award.
f.	Long Service and Good Conduct Medal	A small silver rosette in the centre of the ribbon.
g.	Cadet Force Medal Royal Observer Corps (Now discontinued)	A small cupro-nickel rosette in the centre of the ribbon. When two bars have been awarded to one of these medals, a second rosette is to be worn.
h.	South Atlantic Medal	A medium size silver plated rosette in the centre of the ribbon indicates service on the Falkland Islands or their Dependencies (if entitled)

0817. A small silver cross is superimposed on the ribbon of the Order of St John when it is worn without insignia.

The Elizabeth Cross

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[4] Not more than one clasp may be awarded to any one of these stars and only one emblem may be worn on any one of these ribbons, except for the South Atlantic Medal when two emblems may be worn.

[5] Not more than one clasp may be awarded to any one of these stars and only one emblem may be worn on any one of these ribbons, except for the South Atlantic Medal when two emblems may be worn.

0818. The Elizabeth Cross and Memorial Scroll are granted to the Next of Kin of UK Armed Forces personnel who have died on operations or as a result of an act of terrorism in national recognition of their loss and sacrifice. The Elizabeth Cross is not a posthumous medal for the fallen but an emblem demonstrating tangible national recognition for Service families for their loss. The Elizabeth Cross is made of hallmarked silver and is in the form of a cross with a laurel wreath passing between the arms. The arms of the Cross bear floral symbols representing England (Rose), Scotland (Thistle), Ireland (Shamrock) and Wales (Daffodil). The centre of the Cross bears the crowned Cipher of Her Majesty The Queen. The reverse of the Cross is engraved with the name of the Service person in whose memory it is granted. The Elizabeth Cross, accompanied by a miniature version, is presented in a black leather style presentation box with the Royal Cipher on the lid and the Royal Coat of Arms on the inner silk lining.

Wearing in Civilian Clothing

0819. The Elizabeth Cross is not a medal and there are therefore no formal rules for its wear on civilian clothes. It is an emblem designed for wear by both men and women on the lapel/collar of a jacket and the recipient may wear it at any time he/she deems appropriate. It is intended that the Elizabeth Cross will be worn on formal occasions such as Remembrance Sunday with the miniature being worn at less formal events, or every day if desired.

Wearing in Uniform

0820. Wearing the Elizabeth Cross in uniform is entirely at the discretion of the recipient. It may be worn in formal orders of uniform when other medals are worn but the Elizabeth Cross is to be worn above the breast pocket on the right side i.e. the opposite side to all other medals. It is to be worn centred above the breast pocket button such that the base of the Cross is 5mm above the pocket seam. The miniature Cross

may be worn when other miniatures are worn but again it is to be worn on the right side of the uniform. Questions about wearing the Elizabeth Cross in uniform are to be directed to AIR 38 Gp A4 Ceremonial and Policy .

FOREIGN INSIGNIA

Acceptance and Permission to Wear

0821. Insignia of foreign orders, decorations and medals, conferred by Heads of Governments of foreign status and by members of the Commonwealth overseas of which the Sovereign is not Head of State may only be accepted or worn with the prior permission of the Sovereign. Two kinds of permission are given, namely unrestricted and restricted. The former authorises the insignia to be worn on all occasions when British insignia are worn and the latter limits wear to specific occasions. Authority in regard to foreign orders is signified by either:

a. Warrant under the Royal Sign Manual which grants unrestricted permission to wear the insignia, or

b. Is published in the London Gazette, or

c. Letter from the Sovereign's Private Secretary to the person concerned granting restricted permission and indicating the occasions when the insignia may be worn.

State decorations not carrying membership of an order of chivalry and medals are subject to the same regulations as orders but permission is conveyed by letter. However, campaign and commemorative war medals are subject to a different procedure as details of these awards and entitlement to wear the insignia are promulgated at the appropriate time by the Ministry of Defence. Medals for saving or attempting to save life on land or at sea, whether conferred on behalf of the head of Government of a foreign state or private life saving societies or institutions, may be accepted and worn without restrictions, subject to the limitations imposed by Para 0847.

0822. Regulations governing acceptance and wearing of foreign and Commonwealth awards are defined in QRs J246 and J247 and **at** Appendix 5. All permissions and enquiries are to be directed through P1 to AMP (Sec) 1c.

Occasions for Wear

0823. The regulations governing the wearing of British orders, decorations and medals apply also to foreign orders, decorations and medals for which full permission for wearing has been given. Those subjected to restricted permission may, however, only be worn whether in full size or miniature, on the occasions mentioned in the letter of authority, whereas the ribbons are not to be worn on any occasion.

0824. Stars of foreign orders are worn on the right or left breast according to the regulations laid down by the Sovereign or Head of State by whom they are conferred. When it is the foreign custom to wear stars and/or badges on the right breast, the same procedure is to be adopted on all occasions when these insignia are worn by British nationals with uniform and plain clothes.

0825. When worn without their insignia, ribbons of foreign orders, decorations and medals, for which full permission to wear has been given, are to be the plain ribbons except for those which include an emblem and rosette on the ribbon of the badge or insignia of the order. In these cases, the emblem and rosette are to be worn. The ribbon is to be that of the grade or class which most closely conforms in width to that of a British medal ribbon i.e. 1¼" (3.1 cm) provided a ribbon of a higher grade or class to that awarded is not worn. 'Semi-knots' in addition to the rosette are worn on the ribbon of the French Legion of Honour by officers who have received the following classes of that decoration.

a. Grand Cross — Two 'semi-knots' of gold ribbon.

b. Grand Officer — One 'semi-knot' of gold and one of silver ribbon.

c. Commander — Two 'semi-knots' of silver ribbon.

The 'semi-knot' ribbon is ¼" (6 mm) wide and, with the rosettes, is to be worn according to French custom.

0826. At functions organised by or for a representative of a foreign state, the star and/or neck decoration of that state, possessed by the wearer, is/are to be given precedence over similar British insignia. For instance, it would be appropriate for a Grand Officer of the Legion of Honour to wear the star and badge of that order at an official function at the French Embassy in place of the senior British star and badge usually worn. This procedure ensures that due respect is paid to the state concerned. Decorations and medals mounted on a brooch should not be rearranged.

0827. In foreign countries, British officers are to wear their foreign stars and badges when foreign officers wear theirs. In the United Kingdom and other countries of the Commonwealth of which the Sovereign is Head of State, all foreign insignia will normally be worn after British insignia. Those granted several foreign orders, decorations and medals should wear them in order of the respective award dates. However, see notes to Annex F for exceptions to this rule.

WEARING OF INSIGNIA AND ACCOUTREMENTS WITH DAY UNIFORM

Breast Ribbons

0828. Method of Wear. With day uniform, ribbons of the orders, decorations and medals mentioned in Annex F, together with any emblems to which the wearer is entitled, but without insignia, are to be worn on the left breast of the jacket, frock or frock coat, as appropriate, of No 1

and No 6 SD (see Paras 0846 and 0847 regarding non-military medals). Neither ribbon nor insignia are to be worn on shirts in temperate and warm-weather areas, No 2 SD jerseys, greatcoats, outerwear, coveralls, No 3 SD or protective clothing.

0829. Positioning of Breast Ribbons. Ribbons are to be worn in the sequence indicated in Annex F, in importance with the senior ribbon nearest the lapel (and in the top row when more than one row is worn). They are to be sewn without intervals on uniforms worn in temperate areas. Ribbons are to be $^{7}/_{16}$" (11 mm) long and those of orders are to be the width of the ribbon of the membership of the order. If there is no membership class the ribbon is to be the width of the companionship of the order (i.e. 1½" (3.8 cm) for the Orders of the Bath and British Empire). A row is to consist of not more than four ribbons. When more than four ribbons are worn, they are to be made up to display as many complete rows of four as possible with any incomplete row at the top. Each succeeding row is to be placed centrally above the row immediately below it, except when it is necessary for any row or rows to be shortened. To ensure that no ribbon is either wholly or partly obscured by the lapel or collar, the upper row or rows is/are to be shortened as necessary to display as many complete ribbons as possible in the space between the edge of the lapel or collar and sleeve head seam. The edges of the ribbons nearest the shoulder in each complete row must be in line vertically with the bottom row. The bottom row of ribbons is to be located immediately and centrally above the flap of the breast pocket, or in a similar position where pockets are not fitted. The space between rows is to be $^{1}/_{8}$" (3 mm) but, if four or more rows are worn, they are to be without space between rows.

Ribbon Brooches – Warm Weather Areas

0830. To facilitate detachment from uniforms worn in warm-weather areas, ribbons and emblems are to be mounted on a brooch for wear with No 6, and No 11 SD uniforms. Brooches are obtainable in sizes 1 to 4, size 1 accommodating one ribbon, each subsequent size allowing for an additional ribbon. Multiples are also available for use by holders entitled to more than on row of ribbons. Ribbons and emblems are to be mounted on the brooch in the same manner as indicated in Paras 0814, 0815, 0816 and 0829.

Badge Brooches

0831. On ceremonial occasions, insignia of orders, decorations and medals, which are appropriate to wear on the breast, together with emblems are to be suspended from a single line brooch of which no part is to be visible. The brooch is worn with No 1, 1A, 6 and 6A SD and is to be fixed to the garment in a horizontal position by beckets to cover, whenever possible, any ribands already on the garment. Brooches are available in sizes 1 to 5 but should not be confused with the brooch worn with uniform in warm-weather areas referred to in Para 0829.

0832. Mounting. Medals are to be mounted in the sequence indicated in Annex F, in importance with senior award on the wearer's right. When, because of numbers, insignia cannot be suspended from the brooch so that they can be fully seen, they are to overlap with the senior award showing in full. Medals are to be worn showing the obverse side uppermost (normally the Sovereign's head). Bars and clasps are to be affixed so that they are equidistant from the top and bottom of the riband. The first bar or clasp awarded is to be nearest to the medal, additional clasps are worn above in the sequence of qualifying dates. A large size emblem denoting a Mention in Despatches or a King's or

Queen's Commendation is to be worn with the appropriate medal and affixed in the manner indicated in paras 0814 to 0815. A length of riband is to be worn in the assigned position in respect of any Order awarded (LVO, MVO, OBE, MBE and DSO), decoration or medal awarded but not received. This only applies when two or more are to be worn.

0833. Court Mounting. With the exception of WOs and below in the QCS and personnel serving with the Queens Household, court mounting is carried out at private expense. As an alternative, orders, decorations and medals may be mounted in 'court' style, i.e. the insignia are mounted on a frame, the length of which will depend on the first order, decoration or medal to be mounted. The frame must show 1¼" (3.2 cm) of riband from the top of the frame to the ring or bar of the order, decoration or medal. The riband is extended over the back of the frame and up the front, so that it covers the frame behind the insignia. The insignia are sewn to the frame, which should reach to approximately the centre of the orders, decorations or medals; they are to be level at the bottom edge. The main advantage of the 'court' style, mounting is that the insignia are fixed firmly and the risk of damage by abrasion to enamelled and minted facings is reduced. A basic example of court mounting can be found at Annex E.

0834. Medal Riband Length. The riband on which an order, decoration or medal is suspended, is normally to be 1¼" (3.2 cm) in length; shorter ribands are not to be worn. When two or more orders, decorations or medals are worn, they are to be arranged so that the lower edges (or the lowest point of stars) are in line. Exceptionally, because of differing lengths of decorations and medals and the addition of bars or clasps, it may be necessary to have ribands of a greater length than 1¼" (3.2 cm).

Collars of Orders

0835. Collars of orders of knighthood are to be worn by Knights of the Garter, Knights of the Thistle, Knights and Dames Grand Cross and Knights and Dames Grand Commanders, at appropriate ceremonies held on the following days and on other full ceremonial occasions when due notification is given.

Easter Sunday Ascension Day
Whit Sunday Trinity Sunday

January
1st New Year's Day
6th The Epiphany
25th Conversion of St Paul

February
2nd Presentation of Christ in the Temple

June
2nd The Queen's Coronation
10th The Duke of Edinburgh's Birthday
24th St John the Baptist

August
6th Transfiguration

6th The Queen's Accession

March
1st St David
17th St Patrick

25th Lady Day

April
21st The Queen's Birthday
23rd St George

May
29th Restoration of the Royal Family

September
29th St Michael and All Angels

November
1st All Saints
30th St Andrew

December
25th Christmas Day
26th St Stephen
28th Innocents Day

0836. In addition to the dates given above, Collars should also be worn when Her Majesty The Queen opens or prorogues Parliament, and by those taking part in the Ceremony of an introduction of a Peer or a Peeress, in the House of Lords. Collars should not be worn after sunset, nor by those who are mounted on ceremonial parades, such as Trooping the Colour, unless directions to that effect are specifically given.

0837. When wearing uniform, the collar with the badge appendant, should be worn under the shoulder boards or the epaulettes of the coat and over the aiguillettes. The collar should hang an equal distance back and front. When worn with mourning dress, the collar, with the badge appendant, should be worn over the shoulders, hanging an equal distance back and front. The method of fastening on each shoulder is optional – cotton stitches of an appropriate colour or the use of small gold safety pins is recommended.

Broad Riband

0838. Persons with two or more collars are to wear only one at a time (normally the senior). When a collar is worn, the associated broad riband with badge appendant is not to be worn but may be replaced by the broad riband with badge appendant of another order that person is entitled to wear.

0839. Broad ribands worn by men are either 3¼ or 4" (9.5 cm or 10 cm) wide, depending on the order, those worn by women are 2¼" (5.7 cm) wide. They are worn on full ceremonial occasions by Knights of the Garter, Knights of the Thistle, Knights and Dames Grand Cross and Knights and Dames Grand Commanders. They are to be worn over the appropriate shoulder under the shoulder strap (if any), across the chest and under waist belt or sash), both back and front. The bow from which the badge is suspended rests on the hip below the belt or sash.

Knights of the Garter and Knights of the Thistle wear them over the left shoulder and on the right hip. A broad riband is worn under the aiguillette. The badge (1st class) is never to be worn as a neck decoration but, on collar days, is to be suspended from the appropriate collar. Collars of the Orders of the Garter, Thistle and Bath are already fitted with a badge. For other orders, the badge must be detached from the bow of the broad riband and attached to the collar.

0840. Only one broad riband is to be worn at a time. If a person possesses more than one, it is usual to wear that of the senior order. However, it is permissible to wear that of a junior order, particularly at functions organised by or for a representative of a foreign state when a broad riband of the country should be worn in preference to that of a British order.

Stars

0841. Holders of British stars (1st and 2nd class) are always to wear them full size on the left breast. Some stars of foreign orders are intended for wear on the right breast and should be worn in this position with uniform. The maximum of British stars that may normally be worn is three but this number may be increased to four if attending a function organised by or for a representative of a foreign state and the wearer holds a star of that state. Only one foreign star may be worn with uniform on any occasion (see Paras 0821 and 0822).

0842. A single star is positioned over the jacket/tunic pocket or in a similar position when a pocket is not incorporated into the garment. When wearing two stars, the senior is to be placed directly above the other star with the latter placed in a slightly lower position in relation to the pocket. The three stars are to be worn in a triangular formation and four stars in a diamond pattern. The precedence of position is (looking at the wearer):

Two stars	Three stars	Four stars
1	1	1
2	2 3	2 3
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A holder of two or more foreign stars from the same country is normally to wear that which has been awarded first.

0843. The correct manner of wearing British and foreign stars is indicated in the following examples:

a. Three British and one French star

(1) At a non-French function, the three British stars only are to be worn.

(2) At a French function, if the French star is one worn on the left breast, the stars are to be worn in diamond formation with the French star in position 1, the senior British star in position 2 and the others in positions 3 and 4. If the French star is one

worn on the right breast, the British stars are to be worn on the left breast in triangular formation with the senior in position 1 and the others in position 2 and 3. The French star is to be placed centrally on the right breast.

b. Two British and one French star

(1) At a non-French function, the two British stars only are to be worn.

(2) At a French function, if the French star is one worn on the left breast, the stars are to be worn in triangular formation with the French star in position 1, the senior British star in position 2 and the other in position 3. If the French star is one worn on the right breast, the senior British star is to be placed directly above the other on the left breast and the French star is to be placed centrally on the right breast.

c. One British and one French star

(1) At a non-French function only the British star is to be worn.

(2) At a French function, if the French star is worn on the left breast, it is to be worn in position 1 directly above the British star on that side. If the French star is one worn on the right breast, it is to be worn centrally on that side with the British star in a similar position on the left breast.

d. One French star only. The French star is only to be worn at a French function either on the left or the right breast, as appropriate.

Neck Decorations

0844. Badges of the Order of Merit, Order of the Companions of Honour and of the 2nd and 3rd classes of a British order (not DSO), are to be worn with jacket style uniform round the neck on a ribbon of miniature width 5/8" (16 mm), i.e. narrower than that used at the investiture. On full ceremonial occasions a maximum of two neck badges (including any foreign badge) may be worn. On ceremonial occasions only one neck badge is permitted. A single badge is to be worn with the ribbon under the shirt collar so that the badge hangs over the tie 3/4" (19 mm) just below the knot (Chaplains, over the clerical stock). Those granted badges of more than one order are normally to wear the ribbon of the senior badge under the shirt collar and a second badge suspended from the ribbon emerging ¾" (19 mm) below the top buttonhole in the jacket/tunic. A small eye is stitched inside the garment to which the ribbon is fastened by a hook. If more than two foreign neck badges are held, the seniority is governed by the date of award (see Paras 0821 and 0822) in regard to foreign insignia and para 0848 for dress style uniform).

Service for an Order of Knighthood

0845. At a service organised for members of an order of knighthood, only the insignia of that order is prescribed for wear, e.g. at a service for the Order of the Bath the holder of a KBE and CB should only wear the CB neck badge. However, at a service for the Order of the British Empire, the holder of an OBE or MBE may also wear any other insignia mounted on the brooch. There is no need to detach any insignia from the brooch when attending this type of service.

Non-Military Medals

0846. The only non-military medals that can be awarded for acts of gallantry and are allowed to be worn with uniform are:

a. British official medals, e.g. the Medal for Saving Life at Sea (formerly Board of Trade Medal). These are worn on the left breast.

b. The medals of the Royal Humane Society, the Stanhope Gold Medal awarded by that body, the Medal of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, and the Life Saving Medal of the Order of St John of Jerusalem. These are worn on the right breast, in a similar position to the military medals that are worn on the left breast.

c. Medals awarded on behalf of the head of Government of a foreign state. These are worn on the left breast.

0847. Not more than two of the medals mentioned in para 0846 may be worn for one act of gallantry, viz one British official medal and one of the medals mentioned in sub-paras b and c. In no circumstances are medals awarded by private societies, other than those mentioned in sub-para b, to be worn with uniform. When any of the medals referred to above are awarded to RAF personnel a statement of the fact is to be sent to the AMP (Sec) 1c so that the necessary authority may be issued for the distinction to be worn.

Insignia worn by Women

0848. With the exception of the Royal Victorian Chain, women wear orders, decorations and medals with uniform jackets in the same manner as men. However, with dress style uniform, badges of the 2nd and 3rd class of British orders (DCB, DCMG, DCVO, CB, CMG, CVO and CBE) are worn on a bow below the badge brooch with No 6 and 6A SD instead of round the neck as with No 1 and 1A SD. When these badges are presented to women, two alternative ribbons fittings are provided.

Insignia Worn by Chaplains

0849. Chaplains participating in a parade or religious service are to wear orders, decorations and medals when personnel on parade or in the congregation are required to do so.

Awards Prior to Establishment

0850. A person awarded any of the orders, decorations and medals listed in Annex F (including foreign insignia for wear by the Sovereign) is entitled to wear the appropriate insignia irrespective of status at the time of the award. For example, a policeman awarded the George Medal is entitled to wear the ribbons and medal on RAF uniform if he subsequently enlists in the Service.

Insignia Worn Under Greatcoats

0851. Greatcoats worn by RAF and PMRAFNS personnel are not buttoned up to the neck on ceremonial occasions and, when worn with full ceremonial dress, those entitled should normally wear their senior neck decoration. Aiguillettes, orders, decorations and medals need not be worn under the greatcoat unless the garment has to be removed soon after the ceremony. This might apply at a parade to present a Queen's Colour or Squadron Standard, when the ceremony is to be immediately followed by persons being presented indoors to a member of the Royal Family.

Dress with which Insignia may be worn

0852. Orders, decorations and medals which may be worn with No 1 and 1A SD are indicated in Annex A to this Chap, No 6 and 6A SD in Annex B.

Aiguillettes, Cyphers and Swords, etc

0853. Information on the wearing of aiguillettes and cyphers is given in Chap 9; swords, sword belts, ceremonial belts, white polyethylene webbing and white gloves are covered in Chap 10.

WEARING OF INSIGNIA AND ACCOUTREMENTS WITH EVENING UNIFORM

Foreign Insignia and Non-Military Medals

0854. The regulations for wearing foreign insignia and non-military medals with evening uniform are the same as for wear with day uniform (see Paras 0821 to 0822 also 0846 and 0847).

Ribbons

0855. Except with No 4 SD when worn in temperate areas, ribbons without insignia or orders, decorations and medals, are not to be worn with evening uniform

Miniature Orders, Decorations and Medals

0856. Occasions for Wear. Miniature badges or orders, decorations and medals are normally reserved for evening functions and are worn with No 5, 5A, 5B and 8 SD uniforms (Mess Dresses). Foreign awards are subject to the same rules for full size versions at Para 0821 and 0822.

0857. Badge and Riband Sizing. Miniature medals are to be approximately half the size of the equivalent full size medal, miniature Orders are to be half the size of the lowest class of the full order. The length of miniature ribands is to be the same as that for full size badges mounted on a brooch, (see Para 0833). However, the width and design of ribands is to be scaled down to half full size.

0858. Mounting. All miniature orders, decorations and medals to which the wearer is entitled, should be mounted together on a single medal brooch in the manner prescribed for full size badges in Para 0832. The length of the miniature brooch will vary according to the number of miniatures mounted but it is never to project beyond the inside edge or shoulder seam of the jacket. Ribands are to overlap if necessary and badges may be mounted in 'court style', (see Para 0833). The medal brooch is worn as follows:

a. On the left lapel of the jacket, ⅛" (3 mm) below a flying badge or ½" (13 mm) below a flying badge or ½" (13 mm) below a medical, dental, or chaplaincy collar badge and in a corresponding position when there is no entitlement to a distinguishing badge.

0859. Mixing of Full Size and Miniature Orders. It is not permissible to wear a single miniature of an Order if the full size version is being worn, for example, a CBE neck badge and CBE miniature worn singly. However an example of the miniature Order may be worn if the individual is wearing two or more Orders, Decorations or Medals in miniature form on their medal brooch.

Collars of Orders

0860. Collars of orders are not worn with evening uniform.

Broad Ribands

0861. A broad riband is worn with No 5, 5A, 5B and 8 SD uniforms (Mess Dresses) on full ceremonial occasions and ceremonial occasions with the badge resting on the appropriate hip in the following manner: A shortened version, purchased at own expense, is worn under the jacket but over the waistcoat of No 5A and 5B SD and over the cummerbund of No 8 SD. It does not pass over the shoulder and down the back as with day uniform but is to be fastened on the waistcoat of No 5A SD at the front of the armhole with two holes and buttons and at the

opposite hip front by a pointed flap with a buttonhole. With No 8 SD the riband is to be similarly fastened to the shirt and cummerbund. The top of the riband is to be fastened to avoid sagging and undue covering of the shirt front. For females wearing a dress, then the appropriate riband is worn over the appropriate shoulder, across the chest and down the back with the bow from which the badge is suspended, resting on the opposite hip where it should be attached to the dress to prevent movement, (see Paras 0839 and 0840 in regard to the correct shoulder for wear and persons possessing more than one riband).

Stars

0862. On full ceremonial evening occasions, a maximum of three British and one foreign star (all full size) are worn on the appropriate breast with No 5A and 8 SD. On ceremonial evening occasions a maximum of two stars are worn with No 5B and 8 SD. Stars attached by beckets are positioned as follows:

a. **Mess Dress:**

(1) One star. Centrally, covering the middle button.

(2) Two stars. One above the other, the senior between the top and middle buttons and the junior between the middle and bottom buttons.

(3) Three stars. In triangular formation, the senior at the apex between the top and middle buttons and the other two horizontally in line between the middle and bottom buttons.

(4) Four stars. If four stars are worn on the left breast, they are to be in diamond formation with the foreign star at the top between the top and middle buttons. The centre worn horizontally in line between the middle and bottom buttons and the lower star in line vertically with the top one.

(See Paras 0842 and 0843 regarding the precedence for positioning and occasions when a foreign star may be worn).

Neck Decorations

0863. Only one neck badge may be worn with No 5, 5A, 5B and 8 SD. on full ceremonial or ceremonial evening occasions. The badge is to be of full size and when worn is suspended from a ribbon of miniature width ($^5/_8$" (16 mm)) and worn round the neck under the tie with a stiff collar or under the collar with a soft collar. The badge should hang close up below the tie.

0864. Those granted badges of more than one order, normally wear that of the senior order (see Para 0844 regarding foreign neck badges).

No 4 and 6 SD.

0865. Neither badges of orders, decorations and medals nor ribbons are to be worn on No 6 or No 4 SD when worn as mess dress in warm-weather areas. The only occasion when insignia may be worn with No 4 SD is in temperate areas when Royalty are present. Insignia is to be full size and worn exactly in the same manner as for No 1 SD.

Insignia which may be worn with Evening Uniform

0866. Insignia which may be worn with No 4, 5A, 5B and 8 SD, also No 6 SD when worn as mess dress, are indicated in Annex C to this Chap.

Aiguillettes and Cyphers

0867. The wearing of aiguillettes and cyphers with evening uniform is referred to in Chap 9.

WEARING OF INSIGNIA WITH PLAIN CLOTHES

0868. General. The type of plain clothes and the insignia to be worn at a function will be notified by the sponsor. However, the wearing or orders, decorations and medals with plain clothes is always to be at the discretion of the holder. Details of insignia may be worn with this type of dress are indicated in Annex D to this Chap.

Morning Dress

0869. Orders, decorations and medals are rarely worn with morning dress but may be prescribed for some important official functions such as State and Royal Air Force occasions, also religious services commemorating the Battle of Britain, other important anniversaries, orders of knighthood and memorial services for distinguished people. Insignia is to be of full size and worn as indicated in Annex D column c.

Full Evening Dress

0870. Orders, decorations and medals may be worn with full evening dress on the following occasions:

a. Parties and dinners when any of the under mentioned members of the Royal Family are present:

Her Majesty The Queen

His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh
His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales
Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cornwall
His Royal Highness The Duke of York
His Royal Highness The Earl of Wessex
Her Royal Highness The Countess of Wessex
Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal

Their Royal Highnesses:
The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge
The Duke and Duchess of Sussex
The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester
The Duke and Duchess of Kent
Prince and Princess Michael of Kent
Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Angus Ogilvy

b. Parties and dinners given in houses of ambassadors and ministers accredited to Her Majesty's Court, unless notified otherwise by the ambassador or minister concerned.

c. Official dinners, receptions and balls, including Naval, Military and RAF dinners, dinners of City Livery companies and public dinners.

d. Official occasions when the hosts are:

(1) The Lord Lieutenant of a county, within his county.

(2) The High Sheriff of a county, within his county.

(3) Cabinet ministers.

(4) Ex-Cabinet ministers.

(5) Knights of the Order of the Garter.

(6) Knights of the Order of the Thistle.

(7) Great Officers of State and of the Sovereign's Household.

(8) Lord Mayor and Mayors.

(9) Lords Provost and Provosts

The words 'evening dress, decorations' on the invitation card will be the intimation from the host that the entertainment is an official one and that full evening dress with full orders, decorations and medals should be worn in accordance with Annex D column d. However, those not in possession of this attire may wear a dinner jacket with insignia as indicated in column e of the annex.

Dinner Jacket

0871. Occasions arise when it is more appropriate to wear a dinner jacket than full evening dress. The words 'dinner jacket, decorations' on the invitation card indicate that insignia should be worn with a dinner jacket in accordance with Annex D column e. This applies irrespective of whether the shirt being worn has a soft or stiff collar. The words 'dinner jacket, miniatures' imply that only those miniature orders, decorations and medals mounted on a brooch should be worn with this dress. 'Decorations' would be appropriate for wear with a dinner jacket when serving RAF officers are in No 5A SD; 'miniatures' when No 5B SD is worn.

Lounge Suit

0872. On certain occasions it is appropriate to wear some orders, also decorations and medals with a lounge suit. When this applies, those entitled should wear the insignia in accordance with Annex D column f. One neck badge of an order is permitted and full size insignia mounted on a medal bar are worn on the left side as with uniform. Stars are not to be worn. On all such occasions, wearing insignia will be at the discretion of the holder.

Foreign Insignia and Non-Military Medals

0873. The regulations for wearing insignia and non-military medals with plain clothes are the same as for wearing with uniform. (See Paras 0821 to 0827, 0846 and 0847).

Ribbons

0874. The ribbons of orders, decorations and medals, without the badges attached, may be worn on all occasions with all forms of plain clothes at the discretion of the holder. They should be sewn on the coat or dress or may be worn on a brooch.

Badges Brooches

0875. The same badges which are mounted on a brooch for wear with uniform are suitable for wear with plain clothes. When worn by men with full evening dress and dinner jacket, the brooch is worn on the left lapel of the coat in a horizontal position, 1" (2.5 cm) below the forward point of the shoulder. With morning dress and lounge suite, it is worn on the left breast of the coat in the same position as with uniform.

Collars of Orders

0876. Collars of orders of knighthood are not worn with full evening dress, dinner jacket or lounge suit and are only worn with morning dress when specially ordered for an occasion such as a service of order of knighthood (see para 0838 in regard to those possessing two or more collars). The collar should be worn round the neck over the shoulders, hanging an equal distance back and front. The method of fastening on each shoulder is optional, either cotton stitches or an appropriate colour or small gold safety pins will suffice.

Broad Riband

0877. On appropriate occasions, the shortened version of the broad riband with badge appendant, which is worn with evening uniform, may be worn with full evening dress over the waistcoat. The correct shoulder for wear is given in Para 0839 and the method of attachment is indicated in Para 0859 (a).

Stars

0878. On suitable occasions, stars (always full size) may be worn with morning dress and full evening dress. The number of stars their precedence and positioning are the same as for wear with uniform, (see Paras 0841 to 0843). A maximum of one star may be worn with a dinner jacket. Stars should be attached by beckets.

Neck Decorations

0879. A neck badge may be worn on suitable occasions with morning dress, full evening dress, dinner jacket and lounge suite. The badge, full size, is suspended on a ribbon of miniature width worn round the neck, under the collar with a soft collar or under the tie with a stiff collar. The badge should hang close up below the bow tie or ¾" (19 mm) below the tie knot in front of an open-ended tie, (see Para 0844 regarding those granted badges or more than one order).

Insignia Worn by Women

0880. The choice of plain clothes worn by women at a particular function should be influenced by the degree of formality of the dress prescribed for men, and insignia or orders, decorations and medals may be worn when it is appropriate. Badges on a brooch are worn on the left breast of the garment and, according to the occasion, are to be the same size as those worn by men. Holders of the RRC or ARRC should wear their badge mounted on the brooch. A broad riband may be worn centrally on the left side about 6" (15 cm) above the waist. Women holding insignia of the 2nd and 3rd classes of British Orders, (see Serials 2 and 4 of the annex), may wear one neck badge (full size) mounted on a bow immediately and centrally below the badge brooch. Holders of more than one neck badge normally wear the senior badge but on certain occasions, a junior badge may be worn instead, if appropriate.

Insignia Worn on an Overcoat

0881. Only those orders, decorations and medals normally mounted on a brooch may be worn on an overcoat by the holder.

Insignia Worn by Next of Kin

0882. At certain functions, order, decorations and medals, mounted on a brooch belonging to next of kin may be worn on the right side of the coat, dress or overcoat. This would be appropriate when widows attend a Battle of Britain or Remembrance Day Service. Serving personnel should not wear orders, decorations or medals belonging to next of kin when in uniform.

INSIGNIA WORN WITH DAY UNIFORM IN TEMPERATE AREA

Ser No	Appointment	Dress Type	
		No 1 SD	No 1A SD
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	Knights of the Garter. Knights of the Thistle. Knights Grand Cross. Dames Grand Cross. Knights Grand Commanders. Dames Grand Commanders.	**Full ceremonial occasions** A broad riband with badge appendant worn over the appropriate shoulder (see Note 1). Max of 4 stars on the left breast (see Note 2). A collar of knighthood is only worn if ordered for a special occasion (see Note 3). **Ceremonial occasions** Max of 2 stars. A broad riband and collar of knighthood are not to be worn.	**Full ceremonial occasions** As in column c. **Ceremonial occasions** AVMs and above should wear No 1A SD with insignia as in column c.
2	Knights Commander. Dames Commander.	**Full ceremonial occasions** Stars as in Ser 1. Max of 2 neck badges (see Note 6). **Ceremonial occasions** Max of 2 stars and one neck badge.	**Full ceremonial occasions** As in column c. **Ceremonial occasions** AVMs and above should wear No 1A SD with insignia as in column c.
3	Knights Bachelor.	**Full ceremonial occasions** The badge on the left breast as an order star. **Ceremonial occasions** As on full ceremonial occasions.	**Full ceremonial occasions** As in column c. **Ceremonial occasions** As on full ceremonial occasions.
4	Members of the Order of Merit. Baronets. Companions of Honour. Companions of the several orders of the knighthood. Commanders of the Order of St John.	**Full ceremonial occasions** Max of 2 neck badges (see Note 6). **Ceremonial occasions** Max of one neck badge.	**Full ceremonial occasions** As in Ser No 1, above. **Ceremonial occasions** AVMs and above should wear No 1A SD with insignia as in column c.

Ser No	Appointment	Dress Type	
		No 1 SD	No 1A SD
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
5	Holders of the Royal Victorian Chain.	**Full ceremonial occasions** Worn round the neck in place of a neck badge by men and on the left side by women (see Note 7). **Ceremonial occasions** As for full ceremonial occasions.	**Full ceremonial occasions** As in column c. **Ceremonial occasions** AVMs and above should wear No 1A SD with insignia as in column c.
6	Persons who have been awarded the Victoria Cross and/or George Cross. Companions of the Distinguished Service Order. Member of the Royal Victorian Order (Class IV). Officers of the Order of the British Empire. Members of the Royal Victorian Order (Class V). Companions of the Imperial Service Order. Members of the Order of the British Empire. Persons who have been awarded: Royal Red Cross (Class 1). Distinguished Flying Cross. Air Force Cross. Royal Red Cross (Class II). Order of St John (Officers, Serving Brothers, Serving Sisters) Medals.	**Full ceremonial occasions** Full size badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch on the left breast. **Ceremonial occasions** As for full ceremonial occasions.	**Full ceremonial occasions** As in column c. **Ceremonial occasions** AVMs and above should wear No 1A SD with insignia as in column c.

Ser No	Appointment	Dress Type	
		No 1 SD	No 1A SD
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
7	Max insignia which may be worn.	**Full ceremonial occasions** A broad riband with badge appendant. 4 stars including Knight Bachelor's badge. 2 neck badges including Royal Victorian Chain. Collar of knighthood on special occasions. Full size badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch. **Ceremonial occasions** 2 stars including Knight Bachelor's badge. One neck badge or Royal Victorian Chain. Full size orders, decorations and medals on a brooch. **Non-ceremonial occasions** Ribbons only on left breast.	**Full ceremonial occasions** As in column c. **Ceremonial occasions** AVMs and above should wear No 1A SD with insignia as in column c. **Non-ceremonial occasions** This dress is not worn on these occasions, No 1 SD should be worn instead with insignia as in column c.

Notes:

1. Normally the broad riband of the senior order is worn.

2. The Max number of British stars which may be worn is three but the number may be increased to four if attending a function organised by or for a representative of a foreign State and a star of that state is in possession of the wearer.

3. Normally the collar with badge appendant of the senior order is worn but the broad riband of this order may not be worn at the same time as the collar.

4. At training establishment where personnel are not scaled for No 1 SD, No 2 SD may be authorised for full ceremonial and ceremonial occasions.

5. The ribbons of the Orders of the Garter and Thistle and of the Baronet's badge and Knight Bachelor's badge are not worn on the breast.

6. May include one foreign neck badge.

7. Male holders wear the chain around the neck, in similar manner to a collar of knighthood except that the chain does not hang an equal distance at the back and front but hangs around the neck and rests on the chest. Women should wear the chain on a bow of the ribbon of the order pinned to the left side.

INSIGNIA WORN WITH DAY UNIFORM IN WARM WEATHER AREAS

Ser No	Appointment	No 6 SD	No 6A SD
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	Knights of the Garter. Knights of the Thistle. Knights Grand Cross. Dames Grand Cross. Knights Grand Commanders. Dames Grand Commanders.	**Full ceremonial occasions** Max of 4 stars on the left breast (see Note 1). A broad riband and collar of knighthood are not worn with this dress. **Ceremonial occasions** Max of 2 stars. A broad riband and collar of knighthood are not to be worn.	**Full ceremonial occasions** A broad riband with badge appendant worn over the appropriate shoulder (see Note 2). Max of 4 stars on the left breast (see Note 1). A collar of knighthood is only worn if ordered for a special occasion (see Note 3). **Ceremonial occasions** No 6A SD to be worn with insignia as in column c of the appropriate Ser No.
2	Knights Commander. Dames Commander.	**Full ceremonial occasions** Stars as in Ser 1. Max of 2 neck badges (see Note 6). **Ceremonial occasions** Max of 2 stars and one neck badge (see Note 5).	**Full ceremonial occasions** As in column c. **Ceremonial occasions** As in Ser 1 above.
3	Knights Bachelor.	**Full ceremonial occasions** The badge on the left breast as an order star. **Ceremonial occasions** As for full ceremonial occasions.	**Full ceremonial occasions** As in column c. **Ceremonial occasions** As in Ser 1 above.

Ser No	Appointment	No 6 SD	No 6A SD
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
4	Members of the Order of Merit. Baronets. Companions of Honour. Companions of the several orders of the knighthood. Commanders of the Order of St John.	**Full ceremonial occasions** Max of 2 neck badges (see Note 5). **Ceremonial occasions** Max of one neck badge.	**Full ceremonial occasions** As in column c. **Ceremonial occasions** As in Ser 1 above.
5	Holders of the Royal Victorian Chain.	**Full ceremonial occasions** Worn round the neck in place of a neck badge by men and on the left side by women (see Note 6). **Ceremonial occasions** As for full ceremonial occasions.	**Full ceremonial occasions** As in column c. **Ceremonial occasions** As in Ser 1 above.
6	Officers of the Order of the British Empire. Members of the Royal Victorian Order (Class V). Companions of the Imperial Service Order. Members of the Order of the British Empire. Persons who have been awarded: Royal Red Cross (Class 1). Distinguished Flying Cross. Air Force Cross. Royal Red Cross (Class II). Order of St John (Officers, Serving Brothers, Serving Sisters) Medals.	**Full ceremonial occasions** Full size badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch on the left breast. **Ceremonial occasions** As for full ceremonial occasions.	**Full ceremonial occasions** As in column c. **Ceremonial occasions** As in Ser 1, above.

Ser No	Appointment	No 6 SD	No 6A SD
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
7	Max Insignia which may be worn.	**Full ceremonial occasions** 4 stars including Knight Bachelor's badge. 2 neck badges including Royal Victorian Chain. Full size badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch. **Ceremonial occasions** 2 stars including Knight Bachelor's badge. One neck badge. Full size orders, decorations and medals on a brooch. **Non-ceremonial occasions** Ribbons only on a brooch on left breast (see note 4).	**Full ceremonial occasions** A broad riband with badge appendant. 4 stars including Knight Bachelor's badge. 2 neck badges, including Royal Victorian Chain. A collar of knighthood on special occasions. **Ceremonial occasions** No 6A SD to be worn with insignia as in column c. **Non-ceremonial occasions** This dress is not worn on these occasions, No 6 SD should be worn instead with insignia as in column c.

Notes:

1. The Max number of British stars that may be worn is three but the number may be increased to four if attending a function organised by or for a representative of a foreign state and a star of that state is in possession of the wearer.

2. Normally the broad riband of the senior order is worn.

3. Normally the collar with badge appendant of the senior order is worn but the broad riband of this order may not be worn at the same time as the collar.

4. The ribbons of the Orders of the Garter and Thistle and of the Baronet's badge and Knight Bachelor's badge are not worn on the breast.

5. May include one foreign neck badge. Women in civilian clothes wear badges on bows on the left breast.

6. Male holders wear the chain around the neck, in similar manner to a collar of knighthood except that the chain does not hang an equal distance at the back and front but hangs around the neck and rests on the chest. Women in civilian clothes should wear the chain on a bow of the ribbon of the order pinned to the left side.

INSIGNIA WORN WITH EVENING UNIFORM (MESS DRESS)

Ser No	Appointment	Mess Dress Type			
		No 4 SD (see Note 9)	No 5A and 5B SD (see Note 1)	No 8 SD (see Note 10)	No 8A SD
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
1	Knights of the Garter. Knights of the Thistle. Knights Grand Cross. Dames Grand Cross (see Note 6). Knights Grand Commanders. Dames Grand Commanders (see Note 6).		Full ceremonial occasions. A broad riband with badge appendant worn over the appropriate shoulder (see Note 2). Max of 4 stars on the left breast (see Note 3). Miniature badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch on the left breast (see Note 4). A collar of knighthood is not worn with this dress. Ceremonial occasions. Max of 2 stars and one neck badge with miniature badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch on the left breast (see Note 4). A broad riband and collar of knighthood are not to be worn.	Full ceremonial occasions. As in column d. **Ceremonial occasions** As in column d.	Full ceremonial occasions. No 8 SD to be worn instead of No 8A SD, with insignia as in column d. Non-ceremonial ccasions. Neither insignia of order, decorations and medals nor ribbons are worn with this dress.

Ser No	Appointment	Mess Dress Type			
		No 4 SD (see Note 9)	No 5A and 5B SD (see Note 1)	No 8 SD (see Note 10)	No 8A SD
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
2	Knights Commander. Dames Commander (see Note 6).		**Full ceremonial occasions** Stars as in Ser 1above. Max of one neck badge (see Note 5). Miniature badges of orders, decorations and medals as in Ser 1, above. **Ceremonial occasions** As in Ser 1 above.	Full ceremonial occasions. As in column d. **Ceremonial occasions** As in column d.	As in Ser 1 above.
3	Knights Bachelor.		**Full ceremonial occasions** The badge on the left breast as an order star. **Ceremonial occasions** As in Ser 1 above.	**Full ceremonial occasions** As in column d. **Ceremonial occasions** As in column d.	As in Ser 1 above.
4	Members of the Order of Merit. Baronets. Companions of Honour. Companions of the several orders of the knighthood. Commanders of the Order of St John.		**Full ceremonial occasions** Max of one neck badge (see Note 5). Miniature badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch on the left breast (see Note 4). **Ceremonial occasions** As in Ser 1 above.	**Full ceremonial occasions** As in column d. **Ceremonial occasions** As in column d.	As in Ser 1 above.

Ser No	Appointment	Mess Dress Type			
		No 4 SD (see Note 9)	No 5A and 5B SD (see Note 1)	No 8 SD (see Note 10)	No 8A SD
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
5	Holders of the Royal Victorian Chain.		**Full ceremonial occasions** Worn round the neck in place of a neck badge. (see Note 7). **Ceremonial occasions** As in Ser 1 above.	**Full ceremonial occasions** As in column d. **Ceremonial occasions** As in column d.	As in Ser 1 above.
6	Persons who have been awarded the Victoria Cross and/or George Cross. Companions of the Distinguished Service Order. Member of the Royal Victorian Order (Class IV). Officers of the Order of the British Empire. Members of the Royal Victorian Order (Class V).	In warm-weather areas, neither badges of orders, decorations and medals nor ribbons are worn, irrespective of the formality of the occasion. In temperate areas only ribbons are worn but full size badges on a brooch on the left breast may be prescribed on occasions when a member of the Royal Family is present.	**Ceremonial occasions** As in Ser 1 above.	**Ceremonial occasions** As in Ser 1 above.	As in Ser 1 above.

Ser No	Appointment	Mess Dress Type			
		No 4 SD (see Note 9)	No 5A and 5B SD (see Note 1)	No 8 SD (see Note 10)	No 8A SD
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
	Companions of the Imperial Service Order. Members of the Order of the British Empir.e Persons who have been awarded: Royal Red Cross (Class 1). Distinguished Flying Cross. Air Force Cross. Royal Red Cross (Class II). Order of St John (Officers, Serving Brothers, Serving Sisters) Medals.				
7	Max Insignia which may be worn.	**Full ceremonial occasions** In temperate areas full size badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch may be worn when a member of	**Full ceremonial occasions** A broad riband with badge appendant. 4 stars including Knight Bachelor's badge. One neck badge or Royal Victorian Chain, miniature	**Full ceremonial occasions** As in column d. **Ceremonial occasions** As in column d. **Non-ceremonial**	**Full ceremonial occasions** No 8 SD is worn instead of No 8A SD with insignia as in column d. **Ceremonial occasions** No 8 SD is worn instead of No

Ser No	Appointment	Mess Dress Type			
		No 4 SD (see Note 9)	No 5A and 5B SD (see Note 1)	No 8 SD (see Note 10)	No 8A SD
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
		the Royal Family is present. **Ceremonial occasions** See Note 8. **Non-ceremonial occasions** Ribbons or orders, decorations and medals in temperate areas only	badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch. **Ceremonial occasions** Max of 2 stars and one neck badge with miniature badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch on the left breast (see Note 4). A broad riband and collar of knighthood are not to be worn. **Non-ceremonial occasions** Miniature badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch.	**occasions** Miniature badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch.	8A SD with insignia as in column d. **Non-ceremonial occasions** Neither insignia of orders, decorations and medals nor ribbons are to be worn with this dress.

Notes:

1. Male officers wear a No 5A SD on full ceremonial occasions. When less formality is appropriate, No 5B SD is worn. No 5 SD is worn by women officers also by warrant officers and NCOs as optional mess dress on all occasions when male officers wear 5A or 5B SD uniforms.

2. Normally the broad riband of the senior order is worn.

3. The Max number of British stars that may be worn is three but the number may be increased to four if attending a function organised by or for a representative of a foreign state and a star of that state is in possession of the wearer.

4. Badges of the Orders of the Garter, Thistle, Merit, Companions of Honour, Baronet's Badge and royal Victorian Chain, are not to be worn in miniature.

5. A foreign neck badge may be worn on an appropriate occasion. Women wear the badge on a bow on the left breast.

6. This order is for women only.

7. Women wear the chain pinned immediately and centrally above the miniature badges of orders, decorations and medals mounted on the brooch.

8. In the unlikely event of more senior appointments being held by personnel wearing No 4 SD, the insignia is worn in the same manner as with No 1 SD.

9. When No 6 SD is worn by airwomen as mess dress, neither badges nor orders, decorations and medals nor ribbons are to be worn with it.

INSIGNIA WORN WITH PLAIN CLOTHES

Ser No	Appointment	Dress Type			
		Morning Dress	Full Evening Dress	Dinner Jacket	Lounge Suit
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
1	Knights of the Garter. Knights of the Thistle. Knights Grand Cross. Dames Grand Cross. Knights Grand Commanders. Dames Grand Commanders.	Max of 4 stars on the left breast (see Note 1). A broad riband with badge appendant is not to be worn. A collar of knighthood is only to be worn if ordered for a special occasion.	A broad riband with badge appendant worn over the appropriate shoulder (see Notes 2 and 3). Max of 4 stars on the left breast (see Note 1). Miniature badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch on the left lapel (see Note 4). A collar of knighthood is not to be worn.	Max of one star. Miniature badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch on the left lapel (see Note 4). Neither collar of knighthood nor broad riband, with badge appendant are to be worn.	Neither collar of knighthood, broad riband with badge appendant, nor stars are to be worn.
2	Knights Commander. Dames Commander.	Stars as in Ser 1 above. The associated neck badge is not to be worn (see Note 5).	Stars as in Ser 1above. Max of one neck badge (see Note 6). Miniature badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch on the left lapel.	Max of one star and one neck badge (see Note 6). Miniature badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch on the left lapel.	Max of one neck badge (see Note 6). Stars are not to be worn.
3	Knights Bachelor.	The badge on the left breast as an order star.	As in column c. Alternatively in smaller dimensions as a neck badge Also miniature with badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch on the	As in column d.	The badge is not to be worn.

Ser No	Appointment	Dress Type			
		Morning Dress	Full Evening Dress	Dinner Jacket	Lounge Suit
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
			left lapel.		
4	Members of the Order of Merit. Baronets. Companions of Honour. Companions of the several orders of the knighthood. Commanders of the Order of St John.	Max of one neck badge (see Note 6).	Max of one neck badge (see Note 6). Also miniature badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch on the left lapel (see Note 4).	As in column d.	Max of one neck badge (see Note 6).
5	Holders of the Royal Victorian Chain.	Worn round the neck in place of a neck badge (see Note 7).	As in column c.	As in column c.	The Royal Victorian Chain is not to be worn.
6	Persons who have been awarded the Victoria Cross and/or George Cress. Companions of the Distinguished Service Order. Member of the Royal Victorian Order (Class IV). Officers of the Order of the British Empire. Members of the Royal Victorian Order (Class V). Companions of the	Full size badges of orders decorations and medals on a brooch on the left breast.	Miniature badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch on the left lapel.	As in column d.	Full size badges of orders decorations and medals on a brooch on the left breast.

Ser No	Appointment	Dress Type			
		Morning Dress	Full Evening Dress	Dinner Jacket	Lounge Suit
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
	Imperial Service Order. Members of the Order of the British Empire. Persons who have been awarded: Royal Red Cross (Class 1). Distinguished Flying Cross. Air Force Cross. Royal Red Cross (Class II). Order of St John (Officers, Serving Brothers, Serving Sisters) Medals.				
7	Max Insignia which may be worn.	Four stars including Knight Bachelor's badge. One neck badge or Royal Victorian Chain. Full size badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch. A collar of knighthood on special occasions.	A broad riband with badge appendant. Four stars including Knight Bachelor's badge. One neck badge or Royal Victorian Chain. Miniature badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch.	One star of Knight Bachelor's badge. One neck badge or Royal Victorian Chain. Miniature badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch.	One neck badge. Full size badges of orders, decorations and medals on a brooch.

Notes:

1. The maximum number of British stars which may be worn is three but the number may increased to four if attending a function organised by or for a representative of a foreign state and a star of that state is in the possession of the wearer.

2. Normally the broad riband of the senior order is worn.

3. Normally the collar with badge appendant of the senior order is worn.

4. Badges of the Orders of the Garter, Thistle and Merit, Crown of India and Companions of Honour, Baronet's Badge ad Royal Victorian Chain, are not worn in miniature.

5. One neck badge of a lower grade of a different order (as mentioned in Serial 4, column b) or a lower grade in a different division of the same order may be worn.

6. Normally the badge of the senior order is worn.

7. Male holders wear chain round the neck, similar manner to a collar of knighthood except the chain does not hang an equal distance at the back and front but fits close round the back of the neck and rests on the chest. With full evening dress, the chain is shortened and worn round the neck as a neck badge. Women should wear the chain on a bow of the ribbon of the order on the left hand side of the dress, but with evening dress it is pinned immediately and centrally above the miniature badges on the brooch.

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4th Level awards, MIDS, QCVS are worn on the appropriate campaign medal. Where the award is given for action in an area not covered by a campaign medal, it is worn on a ribbon by itself after all other medals (See Para 0815)

Note: Image is not to scale or displaying any mounting method.

EXAMPLE OF COURT MOUNTED MEDALS

ORDER OF WEARING ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS

The following list, issued by the Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood 17 March 2003, gives the order of precedence in which Orders, Decorations and Medals should be worn in the United Kingdom, certain countries of the Commonwealth and in the Overseas Territories. It in no way affects the precedence conferred by the Statues of certain Orders upon the Members thereof.

Victoria Cross (VC)*

George Cross (GC)*

British Orders of Knighthood Etc

Order of the Garter (KG)* (Note 1)
Order of the Thistle (KT)* (Note 1)
Order of St Patrick * (Note 1)
Order of the Bath (Class I – Knight/Dame Grand Cross) (GCB)*
Order of Merit (OM)* (Note 2)
Order of St Michael and St George (Class I – Knight/Dame Grand Cross) (GCMG)*
Royal Victorian Order (Class I – Knight/Dame Grand Cross) (GCVO)*
Order of the British Empire (Class I – Knight/Dame Grand Cross) (GBE)*
Order of the Companion of Honour (CH)*
Order of the Bath (Class II – Knight/Dame Commander) (KCB/DCB)*
Order of St Michael and St George (Class II – Knight/Dame Commander) (KCMG/DCMG)*
Royal Victorian Order (Class II – Knight/Dame Commander) (KCVO/DCVO)*
Order of the British Empire (Class II – Knight/Dame Commander) (KBE/DBE)*
Order of the Companion of Honour (CH)*
Order of the Bath (Class III – Companion) (CB)*
Order of St Michael and St George (Class III – Companion) (CMG)*
Royal Victorian Order (Class III – Commander) (CVO)*

Order of the British Empire (Class III – Commander) (CBE)*
Distinguished Service Order (DSO)*
Royal Victorian Order (Class IV – Lieutenant) (LVO)*
Order of the British Empire (Class IV – Officer) (OBE)*
Royal Victorian Order (Class V – Member) (MVO)*
Order of the British Empire (Class V – Member) (MBE)*

Baronet's Badge

The badge is worn suspended round the neck by the ribbon in the same manner as the neck badge of an order and takes precedence immediately after the Badge of the Order of Merit. It is not worn in miniature and the ribbon is not worn with No1 or No5 (Bart or Bt)*

Knight Bachelor's Badge

The Badge is worn suspended round the neck by a ribbon in the same manner as the neck badge of an Order and takes precedence immediately after the Badge of a Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire.

Decorations

Conspicuous Gallantry Cross (CGC)*
Royal Red Cross (Class I) (RRC)*
Distinguished Service Cross (DSC)*
Military Cross (MC)*
Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC)*
Air Force Cross (AFC)*
Royal Red Cross (Class II) (ARRC)*
Order of St John (Note 5) +

Medals for Gallantry and Distinguished Conduct

Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM)*
Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (CGM)*
Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying) (CGM)*
George Medal (GM)*

Queen's Police Medal, for Gallantry*
Queen's Fire Service Medal, for Gallantry*
Distinguished Service Medal (DSM)*
Military Medal (MM)*
Distinguished Flying Medal (DFM)*
Air Force Medal (AFM)*
Medal for Saving Life at Sea
Queen's Gallantry Medal (QGM)*
Royal Victorian medal (Gold, Silver and Bronze) (RVM)*

British Empire Medal (BEM)*

Campaign and Operational Service Medals and Stars – GSM, OSM and including authorised United Nations, European Community/Union and North Atlantic Treaty Organisation medals (Worn in order of date awarded to individual)

Polar Medals (Worn in order of date)

Coronation and Jubilee Medals

Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation Medal 1953
Queen Elizabeth II's Silver Jubilee Medal 1977
Queen Elizabeth II's Golden Jubilee Medal 2002
Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee Medal 2012
Queen Elizabeth II's Long and Faithful Service Medal

Efficiency and Long Service Medals and Decorations

Medal of Meritorious Service (awarded to members of all the Armed Forces from 1 December 1977 and previously to the Army)
The Accumulated Campaign Service Medal (ACSM)
The Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct (Military)
Naval Long Service and Good Conduct Medal
Royal Air Force Long Service and Good Conduct Medal
Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct (Ulster Defence Regiment)
Territorial Decoration
Efficiency Decoration

Territorial Efficiency Medal
Efficiency Medal
Air Efficiency Award (AE)*

Ulster Defence Regiment Medal*
Queen's Medal for Champion Shots of the Air Forces
Cadet Forces Medal
Royal Observer Corps Medal

Honorary Membership of Commonwealth Orders (instituted by the Sovereign)
Worn in order of date of award

Foreign Orders
Worn in order of date of award (Notes 3 and 4)

Foreign Medals (Excluding all UN, NATO and WEU Medals)
Worn in order of date of award (Notes 3 and 4)

* All those Honours, Decorations and Medals marked with an asterisk (*) in the list above entitle the holder to use the appropriate letters after the name. These groups of letters should be shown in the same order as the order of wear, subject to the following exception:

Baronet's Badge - the letters 'Bart' or 'Bt.' are shown directly after the surname before all other letters after the name.

Notes:

1. These Orders are not worn in miniature and the ribands of the Orders are only worn with Full Ceremonial Uniform.

2. These Orders are not worn in miniature, but are worn round the neck on all occasions except with Service Dress.

3. The general rule is that non-British insignia should be worn after all British Orders, decorations and medals and in the order of the dates on which they were conferred. When, however, insignia are being worn on occasions specifically connected with the donor country, pride of place should be given to the insignia of that country. Foreign awards may only be worn when the Sovereign's permission has been given .

4. These awards may only be worn when the Sovereign's permission has been given.

5. The award marked + is only to be used as a post-nominal when writing on official Order of St John business.

CHAPTER 9

WEARING OF AIGUILLETTES, SWORDS, CEREMONIAL BELTS, WHITE GLOVES AND WEBBING

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WEARING OF AIGUILLETTES

0901. Supply. Aiguillettes and shoulder devices are to be worn by officers holding the appointments indicated at Annex B. Entitled officers are to refer their requirements for the supply of these items to the parent RAF station quoting this AP as authority. The parent station will demand the accoutrements and arrange a loan issue to the officer concerned for the duration of the appointment. When the appointment is relinquished, the loan issue is either to be transferred to the new incumbent or returned to the issuing authority.

0902. Dress with which aiguillettes are to be worn. Aiguillettes are to be worn with No 1, 1A, 4, 5, 5A, 5B, 6, 6A and 8 SD uniforms on the occasions indicated in Para 0905 but are not to be worn on a greatcoat, gortex or jeltex outerwear. When aiguillettes are worn with a jacket, shoulder straps are always to be fitted to cover the shoulder attachment. Jackets which do not normally comprise shoulder straps are to be modified by sewing straps manufactured in the same material as the garment, into the shoulder seam and affixed by a small RAF gilt button close to the collar.

0903. Method of wearing aiguillettes. When worn, aiguillettes are to be attached to the appropriate shoulder of the jacket as indicated at Annex B by a hook or button, placed centrally on the shoulder, ¾in (19 mm) from the outside shoulder seam. The loop of the aiguillettes from which the tags are suspended is to be similarly attached under the lapel of the jacket so that on the No 1, 1A, 4 and 6 SD uniforms, the tags fall over and in line with the inner seam of the appropriate breast pocket. On No 5A, 5B and 8 Mess dress jackets, the loop from which the tags are suspended is to be attached under the collar at the join of the collar and lapel. The hook or button is to be located so that the lapel does not hide the aiguillettes. With No 1, 1A, 4 and 6 SD, the length of the longer cord should be such that the lower edge of the cord under the arm is approximately in line with the waist-belt, sash or waistline and in line with the middle button of the No 5, 5A and 5B SD jackets. With No 6A SD, aiguillettes are to be attached to the shoulder of the tunic in the same manner as with No 1A SD. The loop of the aiguillettes from which the tags are suspended is to be attached to the second button on the tunic underneath the wrap-over so that the tags fall slightly to one side of the buttons with the lower edge of the cord under the arm approximately in line with the sash. As only one size of aiguillettes is available, the position of the lower edge of the cord under the arm will vary depending on the build of the wearer. Minor adjustment can be achieved by moving the lapel attachment point.

0904. On female officers in No 6B (Frock) SD, the attachment to the shoulder is to be in the same manner as for male officers but the loop from which the tags are suspended is to be attached under the lapel so that the tags fall on a similar alignment to those of aiguillettes worn by male officers with No 6 SD.

0905. Occasions when the aiguillettes are to be worn. Officers entitled to wear aiguillettes are to do so on the following occasions:

a. State occasions when:

(1) The Sovereign or the Sovereign's representative is present.

(2) A parade or celebration of the birthday of the Sovereign is mounted.

(3) Specially ordered on the occasion of any parade, ceremony or entertainment at which a member of the Royal Family is present.

b. Official occasions when the function or entertainment is given or arranged by a government department (including the armed forces) or a government institution. An official occasion is a formal event to which guests from outside the unit are invited. For example, a luncheon, ball and guest night could be in this category, whereas a dining-in night would not.

c. Public occasions when invitations are issued in the name of a municipal corporation, institution or livery company.

d. When visiting British and foreign Naval or Army establishments on formal occasions; also when visiting foreign Air Force establishments.

e. When inspecting and taking the salute at parades or when attending as a spectator.

f. When meeting or attending upon very important persons in an official capacity e.g. representing the Chief of the Defence Staff, the Air Force Board or the Royal Air Force.

g. Audiences and Investitures (in accordance with Chap 10).

h. Funerals and memorial services.

i. On such other occasions as the Air Force Board may direct.

The aiguillettes may only be worn by personal staffs as listed at Annex B, sub-paras f, h and j, when in attendance in an official capacity upon the senior officer concerned. Diplomatic staff mentioned in Annex B, sub-para g are normally only to wear aiguillettes in the country to which they are accredited, provided it is the custom of the country and has the sanction of the British ambassador.

OFFICERS – No 1 SD WEARING AIGUILLETTES

OFFICER – NO 5 SD WEARING AIGUILLETTES

OFFICER – NO 6 SD WITH AIGUILLETTES

WEARING OF SHOULDER DEVICES OR THE ROYAL CYPHER

0906. The Royal Cypher. The Royal Cypher, which is surmounted by a crown, both of gilt, is a device to indicate an honorary appointment to the Sovereign. There are two sizes for wear by those entitled officers indicated at Annex B, as follows:

a. Large 1¼in (3.2 cm) high and 1¼in (3.2 cm) wide, including fixed crown, with No 1, 1A, 2, 2A, 2B, 6 and 6B SD uniforms, and the greatcoat.

b. Small 15/16in (24 mm) high and 15/16in wide, including fixed crown, with No 5, 5A, 5B, 6A, 8 and 8A SD uniforms. Also certain officers after relinquishment of appointment (see Annex B, Note 2).

0907. On uniform fitted with shoulder straps, the Royal Cypher is to be worn on both straps. With No 1, 5, 5A and 5B SD uniforms, the lower edge of the device is to be 1in (2.5 cm) from the bottom of the straps. With No 2, 2A, 2B, 6, 6A, 8 and 8A SD uniforms, also when worn with a greatcoat (other than by Marshals of the Royal Air Force), the device is to be superimposed on the lowest rows of ranking braid, with the lower edge of the device level with the bottom of the lowest row of braid. With No 1A SD and on shoulder straps worn by Marshals of the RAF, the device is to be affixed to the lower edge of the shoulder strap.

EXAMPLES OF OFFICER SHOULDER BOARDS WITH CYPHERS

MRAF

AVM and Above

Air Cdre (Greatcoat)

WEARING OF SWORDS

0908. Description. The following types of RAF swords may be worn on appropriate occasions:

a. Air rank (AO).

b. Below air rank (BAO).

0909. The sword assembly consists of:

a. **Sword**.

(1) **Blade**. Straight, 32¼" to 32½" (82 to 82.6 cm) in 1925 pattern or 72 cm (1994 scaled down version) long, both tapered gradually and fullered both sides. (See Page 9-13).

(2) **Hilt.** Consists of guard, grip, back-plate and pommel, ferrule, under nut and invisible top nut. The guard is of gold plated rolled brass pierced with an ornamental device, including the Royal Cypher. The pommel is in the form of an eagle's head. The officer patterns also have a badge showing the RAF eagle and crown made of gold plated thin sheet brass, raised from underneath and fixed and brazed to the dome of the guard. The grip is 4½" (11 cm) long and made of wood covered with white fish skin, bound with gilt wire. (See Page 9-14)

b. **Sword knot**. The officer pattern is of blue and gold and comprises a gold lace strap with a blue silk line down the centre, gold acorn, gold and blue slider. (See page 9-14).

c. **Scabbard.** Of tanned leather, blocked and polished and fitted with three gold plated brass mounts. On the officer patterns, the rings on the top and middle mounts are held by a ball attached to a laurel wreath. On the air rank pattern, both mounts are ornamentally chased and the centre mount is slightly longer than on the other patterns. The bottom mount, known as the shoe or chape, is surrounded at the mouth by a laurel wreath on the officer patterns and a feature of the air officer pattern is that the shoe is asymmetric. (See Page 9-13).

d. **Ceremonial belt**. Of blue silk web 1⅜" (3.5 cm) wide with a bar of gold embroidery ⅜" (9 mm) wide running length-wise along each edge. It is lined with blue morocco to match. The plate fastener bears the eagle and crown surrounded by a laurel wreath, with the motto **PER ARDUA AD ASTRA** under the eagle and within the wreath. (See page 9-15).

e. **Canvas belt**. Of plain canvas, 2"(51 cm) wide with shoulder strap ⅞" (22 mm) wide. The buckle, slide adjuster and attachments rings, are of brass. (See page 9-16).

f. **Slings**. Of similar material and appearance to the officer pattern ceremonial belt but 1" (2.5 cm) wide with bars of gold embroidery 3/16" (5 mm) in width. Slings are worn in pairs, each connecting with the belt at one end and attached to a billet at the other. The shorter sling is worn at the left-hand side of the belt and the longer sling at the rear of the belt. (See page 9-15).

g. **Billets**. Fittings of gold plated brass, the air officer pattern is embossed with an eagle and a crown motif, attached to a short leather strap. Billets are used to join the slings to the rings on the scabbard. (See Page 9-15/16).

0910. Supply of swords. Swords and associated equipment are supply items and allocations to command headquarters are made, for use on a pool basis. Officers in certain appointments and on the Special Duties List qualify for long-term loans and short-term loans are made to officers participating in ceremonies on an individual basis. Items required for wear at weddings and private functions are to be obtained from commercial sources or Command pools of non-public swords. Abroad, where not available commercially, hire from the supply squadron on a prepayment basis is permitted. Supply procedure and entitlement to long-term loan is outlined in Command Staff Instructions.

0911. Dress with which swords may be worn. Swords may only be worn with No 1, 1A, 6, 6A, 9 and 11 SD uniforms.

0912. Occasions when swords are worn. Swords are to be worn on the occasions indicated in Annex D to Chap 10. A member of a church congregation, attending the service only and not taking part in any parade or ceremony before, during, or after the service, should not wear a sword unless specifically requested to do so. Similarly, where wearing a sword at an indoor ceremonial function is likely to be an encumbrance, permission to omit the sword may be given by the sponsor co-ordinating the occasion. Swords may be removed temporarily whilst travelling in an aircraft or car and at a social function which may immediately follow a ceremony. In these circumstances, the belt may continue to be worn with the slings joined to form a loop.

0913. WOs are only to wear swords on ceremonial or representational duties where the event sponsor deems it appropriate.

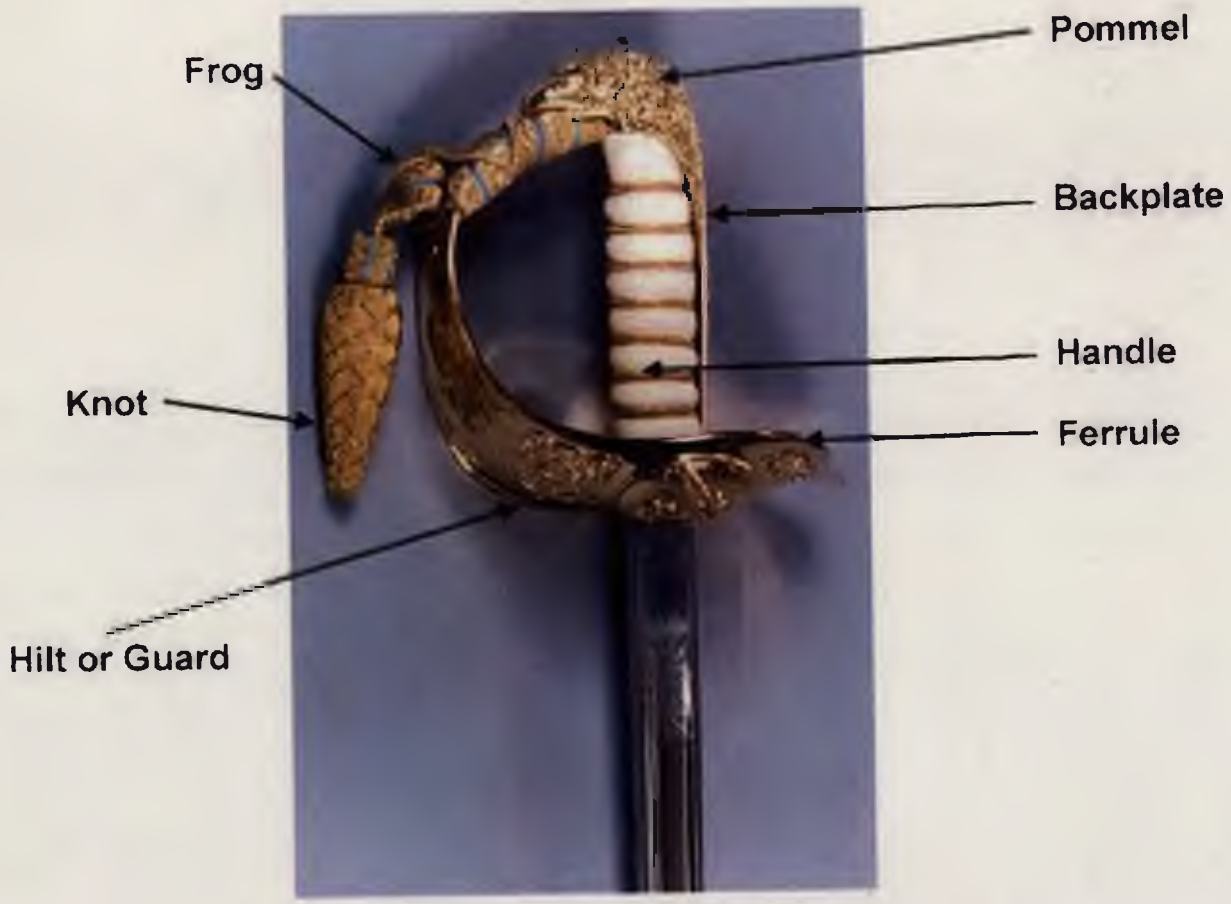
0914. Method of wear. There are two methods of wearing the sword (See page 9 – 17/18).

a. **Hooked Up**. Parade commanders, commanders of guards of honour, officers under their orders, Directors of Music Bandmasters and WOs in colour and standard parties are to wear the sword hooked up on the ceremonial belt, worn outside the jacket. When worn this way with No 1 and 6 SD, the detachable belt is to be removed from the jacket and with No 1A and 6A SD, the sash is to be dispensed with. The ceremonial belt can be prevented from sagging by fitting a small brass hook on either side of the jacket at waist level, or by use of a needle and thread. When a greatcoat is worn, the hilt of the sword is to be outside the sword slit of the greatcoat.

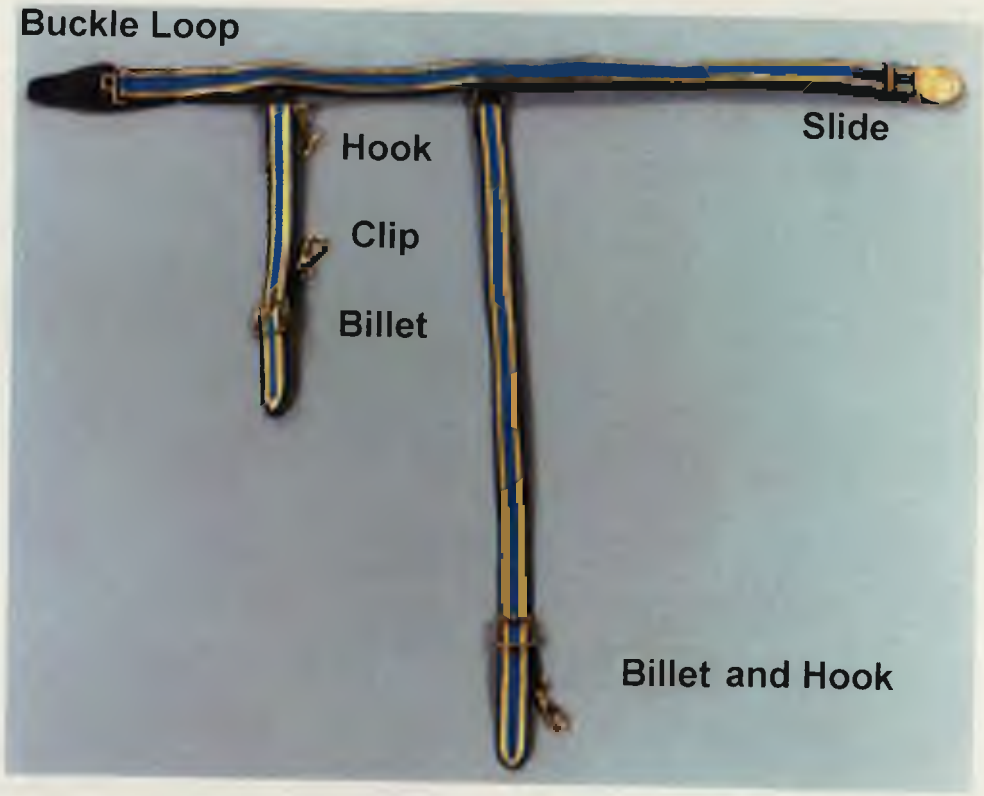
b. **Normal fitting**. Inspecting and reviewing officers, those in attendance upon them and other officers not referred to in sub-para a, are to wear the sword in the normal fitting, i.e. the scabbard containing the sword is clipped to the two slings which in turn hang from a plain canvas belt worn under the uniform jacket with the shoulder strap over the right shoulder. With the sword in this position, the jacket belt is to be worn with No 1 and 6 SD and the sash with No 1A and 6A SD. When a greatcoat is worn, the hilt of the sword is to protrude beyond the wrap-over, which is to be folded back. The method of carrying the sword is outlined in AP 818 (Drill and Ceremonial).

0915. White gloves and webbing. The occasions for wear and the orders of dress with which to wear, white gloves and webbing, are detailed at Annex C to this Chap.

The Hilt



PARTS OF THE SWORD BELT



Ceremonial Sword Belt - Below Air Officer

Note: Air Officer Billets are embellished

Canvas Under-Belt - with Air Officer Slings

METHODS OF WEARING THE SWORD

Position of Slings (Normal Fitting)

Normal Fitting

Hooked Up fitting

Normal fitting – At Ease

Normal fitting – Greatcoat

Normal Fitting - Marching

PATTERNS OF AIGUILLETTES

Aiguillettes are to be worn by entitled officers as indicated at Annex B to this Chap. The patterns of aiguillettes are as follows:

Type 1. Gold seven-line orris cord with gilt crown and miniature Royal Cypher (¾" (19 mm) square), in capital letters, on tags to be worn on the right shoulder (Para 0906 (b)).

Type 2. Gold seven-line orris cord with no device on tags, to be worn on the right shoulder (Annex B, b, c and f).

Type 2a. As for Type 2, in miniature size, to be worn by female RAF officers and PMRAFNS, with No 5 SD (Annex B, b, c and f).

Type 3. Gold seven-line orris cord with gilt eagle and crown on tags, to be worn on the right shoulder (Annex B, d).

Type 4. Blue and gold seven-line orris cord with silver eagle and crown on tags, to be worn on the right shoulder (Annex B, e).

Type 5. Blue and gold seven-line orris cord with silver eagle and crown on tags, to be worn on the left shoulder (Annex B, g).

Type 6. Blue and gold seven-line orris cord with no device on tags, to be worn on the right shoulder (Annex B, h).

Type 7. Blue and gold seven-line orris cord with no device on tags, to be worn on the left shoulder (Annex B, j).

Type 7a. As for Type 7, in miniature size, to be worn by female RAF officers with No 5 SD (Annex B, j).

ENTITLEMENT TO WEAR AIGUILLETTES AND SHOULDER DEVICES

Ser	Entitled Appointments	Aiguillette Type	Cyphers
a	Personal aide-de-camp to the Sovereign Air aide-de-camp to the Sovereign Defence Services Secretary Equerry and Extra Equerry to the Sovereign The Captain of the Queen's Flight	Gold seven-line orris cord with gilt crown and miniature Royal Cypher in capital letters on tags (to be worn on right shoulder) (Type 1)	Gilt crown and Royal Cypher in capital letters (see Note 2)
b	Aide-de-camp to the Sovereign Honorary Physician to the Sovereign Honorary Surgeon to the Sovereign Honorary Dental Surgeon to the Sovereign Honorary Chaplain to the Sovereign Honorary Nursing Sister to the Sovereign	Gold seven-line orris cord with no device on tags (to be worn on the right shoulder) (Types 2 and 2a)	Gilt crown and Royal Cypher in capital letters (see Note 2)
c	Equerry to members of the Royal Family other than the Sovereign	Gold seven-line orris cord with no device on tags (to be worn on the right shoulder) (Types 2 and 2a)	Cypher of the member of the Royal Family
d	Marshal of the Royal Air Force (see Note 1)	Gold seven-line orris cord with gilt eagle and crown on tags (to be worn on the right shoulder) (Type 3)	None
e	Air Members of the Defence Council (See Note 1) Air Members of the Air Force Board	Blue and gold seven-line orris cord with silver eagle and crown ion tags (to be worn on the right shoulder) (Type 4)	None
f	Personal staff (see Note 2) of: Governors General Aide-de-camp to the Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland	Gold seven-line orris cord with no device on tags (to be worn on the right shoulder) (Types 2 and 2a)	None
g	Head of British Defence Services Staff Washington Air Attachés and Assistant Advisers and Assistant Advisers in High Commissions in Commonwealth Capitals Head of Secretariat British Defence Liaison Staff Ottawa	Blue and gold seven-line orris cord with silver eagle and crown ion tags (to be worn on the left shoulder) (Type 5)	None
h	Personal staff (see Note 2) of: Governors, Lieutenant Governors and High Commissioners	Blue and gold seven-line orris cord with no device on tags (to be worn on the right shoulder (Type 6)	None
j	Personal staff of: Service Members of the Defence Council Vice Chief the defence Staff Members of the Air Force Board	Blue and gold seven-line orris cord (to be worn on the left shoulder) (Types 7 and 7a)	None

	Air Officers Commanding-in-Chief Commanders-in-Chief Air Officers Commanding Groups and equivalent formations Director General of Security(RAF)/Commandant General RAF Regiment Air Officers Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales Commander British Forces Cyprus Commandants of the RAF Colleges and the Central Flying School Air Commander Gibraltar Chairman Military Committee NATO United Kingdom Military Representative Brussels Deputy Commander-in-Chief Allied Forces Central Europe Director of International Military Staff NATO Head of British Defence Staff Washington		

Notes:

1. Officers entitled to wear the aiguillettes under the provisions of sub-paras d and/or e, who are also entitled under the provisions of sub-Para (a), are to wear the aiguillettes and device appropriate to the appointments in sub-Para (a).

2. A personal aide-de-camp to the Sovereign, who has held that appointment during more than one reign, should wear the Royal Cypher of each sovereign under whom he/she has served, and should continue to wear them in the small size after he has relinquished the appointment. All other officers entitled to wear the Royal Cypher, are to wear the Cypher of the reigning Sovereign only, but an air aide-de-camp may, on relinquishing the appointment continue to wear the small size Royal Cypher of each Sovereign under whom he has served and been appointed. The Royal Cypher of the reigning Sovereign is to be worn above any other Royal Cypher. With the exception of personal and air aides-de-camp, Royal Cyphers are not worn after the appointment is relinquished.

WHITE GLOVES AND WHITE WEBBING

White nylon or cotton gloves with one button or press-stud are to be worn by:

a. RAF and PMRAFNS officers with No 1A and 6A SD, whether or not a sword is being worn, and with No 1 and 6 SD when a sword is worn.

b. RAF Officers, exceptionally, may wear white gloves and a sword belt, without sword and slings, as authorised by SO1 RAF Ceremonial, in support of an AFB event and formal occasions at a church service, memorial service or reception.

c. WOs with No 1 and 6 SD when a sword is worn.

White nylon or cotton gloves are to be worn by airmen and airwomen with No 1 and 6 SD when participating in:

a. State occasions.

b. Royal occasions for the Royal Air Force.

c. Guards at Royal residences.

d. Guards of Honour.

e. Service funerals authorised by the Air Force Board.

f. Official memorial services.

g. Sovereign's Birthday Parades.

h. Annually recurring national ceremonies such as Remembrance Day and Battle of Britain parades, the Festival of Remembrance and Royal Tournament.

i. Regional Ceremonies of national importance in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

j. Parades to present a Queen's Colour or Squadron Standard.

k. Parades to confer and to exercise Freedoms.

l. Recruit Graduation Parades

White polyethylene webbing is to be worn by airmen, airwomen and PMRAFNS (other than WOs), when participating in the above events.

White gloves and white webbing not committed to the events listed above, on the authority of SO1 RAF Ceremonial, may be authorised for wear by the appropriate personnel on other occasions of a lower priority.

The Queen's Colour Squadron plate buckle is not to be issued outside of RAF Northolt and is only worn by Gunners actively serving on QCS.

CHAPTER 10

GUIDE TO CORRECT ORDER OF DRESS WHEN ATTENDING FUNCTIONS AND PARTICIPATING IN CEREMONIAL EVENTS

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General

1001. In line with current regulations, the sponsor of an event will decide the form of dress appropriate to the occasion and whether orders, decorations and medals should be worn. The decision will be influenced by the degree of formality attached to the event. If Royalty attends, the appropriate Household should be consulted through the normal Service channels before a decision on dress is made and details promulgated.

1002. When an invitation card indicates that 'decorations' are to be worn, the event is an official occasion and insignia of orders, decorations and medals are to be worn as indicated in this Chap, i.e. broad riband, stars, neck badges and full-size medals in accordance with entitlement.

Dress for Investitures

1003. Unless otherwise directed, serving personnel attending investitures in temperate areas as recipients of awards, or as spectators, are to wear the following orders of dress:

a. **AVM and Above**. No 1 SD with ceremonial waist sash, and ceremonial shoulder boards. White gloves are to be carried.

b. **Air Cdre and below**. No 1 SD non-ceremonial day.

c. **Insignia**. Orders, decorations and medals are not worn. However, the ribbons of Orders, decorations and medals, including that of the award to be received, are to be worn.

d. **Swords and Aiguillettes**. Swords are not worn. Aiguillettes are not worn except by members of the Air Force Board and personnel holding Royal appointments (see Annex E).

Any other variations of dress are to be as detailed in the instructions issued to attendees. See Para 1012 below for dress to be worn in warm-weather areas.

1004. RAFR, RAuxAF and Retired Officers and Discharged WOs and Other Ranks.

a. RAFR, RAuxAF No1 SD or morning dress or dark lounge suit.

b. When it is known that an airman or airwomen is due to be discharged prior to attending a state investiture, where possible, arrangements should be made for them to retain their No 1 SD until after the investiture date.

Service Audience with the Sovereign

1005. Officers of AVM rank and above who are granted an audience with the Sovereign are to wear uniform as detailed above at Para 1003. Other officers, WOs and Other Ranks wear No 1 SD wear ceremonial day dress. Exceptionally, entitled officers may wear aiguillettes and one star. No other orders, decorations or medals are to be worn. Variations of dress will be as detailed in the instructions issued to attendees.

Royal Garden Parties

1006. Officers attending Royal Garden parties may, at their own discretion, wear non-ceremonial day dress (without name tags – see Annex A to this Chap), morning dress or lounge suits. However, officers holding personal appointments (e.g. ADCs and PSOs), when attending in an official capacity with the senior officer concerned, are to wear non-ceremonial day dress with aiguillettes. Officers holding the following appointments to the Sovereign are encouraged to attend at least one garden party during their term of appointment and are expected to wear uniform on at least one occasion.

a. Aides-de-camp.

b. Honorary physicians.

c. Honorary surgeons.

d. Honorary dental surgeons.

e. Honorary chaplains.

This ruling does not apply to personal aides-de-camp, air aides-de-camp of the heads of the women's Services holding appointments to the Sovereign.

Launching of ships

1007. The dress when attending the launching of one of Her Majesty's ships is normally non-ceremonial day dress, since the wearing of orders, decorations and medals is inappropriate. When a member of the Royal Family participates, No 1 dress with one star (no other orders, decorations, medals or sword) and aiguillettes, subject to entitlement, may be prescribed for officers attending in an official capacity.

State and Court Functions, Joint Service Parades

1008. To ensure personnel of the three Services wear the equivalent orders of dress at State and Court functions and when participating in Joint Services parades, particularly in the presence of the Royal Family, the RAF orders of dress, as detailed in Joint Service Officers' Ceremonial Dress Regulations are shown at Annexes A and B. These tables are based on the following categories:

a. Full ceremonial dress – on very formal occasions.

b. Ceremonial dress – when an element of formality is appropriate.

c. Non-ceremonial dress – on informal occasions.

The dress to be worn on these occasions in temperate areas is indicated in Annex A to this Chap, while Annex B deals with warm-weather areas.

Weddings

1009. It is the responsibility of the sponsor to decide whether those attending in an official capacity at a wedding should wear uniform and also whether guests should be given the option of wearing uniform or civilian attire.

Civilian Functions

1010. At civilian and other functions, when the order of dress is not specified, and it is known that more than one RAF officer will be attending, in uniform, the senior RAF officer is to decide on the dress to be worn and inform the other RAF officers attending of his decision.

Presentation of Degrees Ceremony

1011. Personnel attending a presentation of degrees ceremony are to wear No 1 SD with academic dress (including academic hat).

Other Ceremonial Events

1012. A guide to the correct order of dress to be worn by those attending other events in an individual capacity in temperate areas is given at Annex C to this Chap. Annex D details the dress for those participating in RAF ceremonial and events other than in an individual capacity. The equivalent dress to be worn in warm-weather areas is as follows:

Temperate	Warm-weather
a. No 1 SD	No 6 SD. Stars and neck badges are worn. When on general issue, Airmen will also wear No 6 dress on these occasions.
b. No 1A SD	No 6A SD – also used by personnel in authorised appointments e.g. Air Attachés.
c. No 5, 5A and 5B SD	No 8 SD.

OFFICERS' CEREMONIAL DRESS TABLE (TEMPERATE AREAS)

Dress Category	Order of Uniform	Accessories	Notes
Full Ceremonial Day	No 1A SD for AVM & above/ No 1 SD for Air Cdre & below.	Broad riband/collar Stars of orders - maximum of 4 (Note 1) Neck badges – maximum of 2 (Note 2) Medals Swords – as ordered (Note 3)	1. May include one foreign star on appropriate occasions. See Chap 8, Para 0841-0843. 2. May include/be a foreign neck badge on appropriate occasions. See Chap 8, Para 0844. 3. With or without sword should be quoted when promulgating the dress to be worn.
Ceremonial Day	No 1A SD for AVM & above/ No1 SD for Air Cdre & below.	Stars of orders, maximum of 2 (Note 1) Neck badge – maximum of 1 (Note 2) Medals Swords – as ordered (Note 3)	
Non-Ceremonial Day	No 1 SD.	N/A	

Dress Category	Order of Uniform	Accessories	Notes
Full Ceremonial Evening	No 5A SD (Mess Dress)	Broad riband Stars of orders – maximum of 4 (Note 1) Neck badges – maximum of 1 (Note 2) Miniature medals	1. May include one foreign star on appropriate occasions. See Chap 8, Para 0862. 2. May include/be a foreign neck badge on appropriate occasions. See Chap 8, Para 0863.
Ceremonial Evening	No 5B SD (Mess Dress)	Stars of orders – maximum of 2 (Note 1) Neck badges – maximum of 1 Miniature medals	
Non-Ceremonial Evening	No 5B SD (Mess Dress)	Miniature medals	

OFFICERS' CEREMONIAL DRESS TABLE (WARM-WEATHER AREAS)

Dress Category	Order of Uniform	Accessories	Notes
Full Ceremonial Day	No 6A SD - scaled for officers holding specific appointments. No 6 SD – for all other officers.	Broad riband/collar (Note 1) Stars of orders - maximum of 4 (Note 2) Neck badges – maximum of 2 (Note 3) Medals Swords – as ordered (Note 4)	1. With No 6A SD only 2. May include one foreign star on appropriate occasions. See Chap 8, Para 0841-0843. 3. May include/be a foreign neck badge on appropriate occasions. See Chap 8, Para 0844. 4. With or without sword should be quoted when promulgating the dress to be worn.
Ceremonial Day	No 6A SD - scaled for officers holding specific appointments. No 6 SD – for all other officers	Stars of orders, maximum of 2 (Note 1&2) Neck badge – maximum of 1 (Note 1&3) Medals Swords – as ordered (Note 4)	
Non-Ceremonial Day	No 6 SD	N/A	

Dress Category	Order of Uniform	Accessories	Notes
Full Ceremonial Evening	No 8 SD (Mess Dress)	Stars of orders - maximum of 4 (Note 1) Neck badges – maximum of 1 (Note 2) Miniature Medals	1. May include one foreign star on appropriate occasions. See Chap 8, Para 0862. 2. May include/be a foreign neck badge on appropriate occasions. See Chap 8, Para 0863.
Ceremonial Evening	No 8 SD (Mess Dress)	Stars of orders, maximum of 2 (Note 1) Neck badge – maximum of 1 (Note 2) Miniature Medals	3. No 8A SD – Red Sea Rig, worn by RAF personnel serving on RN ships, where authorised. Medals are not worn.
Non-Ceremonial Day	No 8 SD (Mess Dress) No 8A SD - Red Sea Rig (Note 3)	Miniature Medals N/A	

GUIDE TO THE CORRECT ORDER OF DRESS FOR PERSONNEL ATTENDING FUNCTIONS IN AN INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY

Occasions	Personnel concerned	Dress (see Note 1)	Remarks
Royal reviews and parades or Royal visits of a primarily civilian nature	Official guests Spectators	Full ceremonial day or ceremonial day, as ordered Civilian attire or non-ceremonial day	
Investitures	Serving personnel Civilian s/guests	**See Para 1003** Civilian attire	See Para 1003
Court balls, Royal evening receptions, important public banquets, dinners and balls	All attending	Full ceremonial evening	
Royal garden parties	All attending	Morning dress, lounge suit or non-ceremonial day dress	**See Para 1006**
Visits to foreign Royalty or Heads of State, ceremonial parades	Inspecting officers and those in attendance Spectators	Full ceremonial day Non-ceremonial day or civilian attire	
Service funerals or associated memorial services held on the same day	Pallbearers and those attending in an official or representative capacity	Full ceremonial day or ceremonial day or non-ceremonial day (as ordered)	Crepe armband (3¼" (8.2 cm) wide) to be worn on left arm above the elbow by all officers and warrant officers.

Occasions	Personnel concerned	Dress (see Note 1)	Remarks
Service memorial services, not held on the day of the funeral	Those attending in an official or representative capacity	Full ceremonial day or non-ceremonial day (as ordered)	
Church parades and services	Those attending in an official or representative capacity	Full ceremonial day or ceremonial day (as ordered)	Swords for those taking part in ceremonies before, during or after the service. Others – no swords.
Joint Service parades	Official party Spectators	Ceremonial day Plain clothes or non-ceremonial day (as ordered)	
Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall	Guests and spectators	Civilian attire	Full size badges or orders, decorations and medals on a brooch. No stars, or neck badges.
Royal Tournament, tattoos, etc.	Officers taking the salute: Day Evening Spectators in the Royal Box: Day Evening	Full ceremonial day or non-ceremonial day* Full ceremonial evening or non-ceremonial evening* Non-ceremonial day Non-ceremonial evening	*At the discretion of the officer taking the salute Service spectators may be invited by the officer taking the salute to wear civilian attire

	Other spectators	Civilian attire	
Weddings	Those taking part	Ceremonial day, non-ceremonial day or civilian attire	See also Para 1009
	Guests	Non-ceremonial day or civilian attire	

Occasions	**Personnel concerned**	**Dress (see Note 1)**	**Remarks**
Courts Martial	Members of the court, prosecuting and defending officers, officers under instruction, officer escort, officer witnesses and accused	Ceremonial day	The wearing of swords will depend on Service custom. At Royal Navy and Army district Courts Martial the convening officers according to local circumstances may authorise 'no swords'.
Attendance at civil court	Attending on behalf of the accused	Normally non-ceremonial day but civilian attire may be ordered	
	Attending as accused or witness	Civilian attire	
Ex-Servicemen's parades or gatherings	Officers taking the salute and serving officers attending in an official capacity	Ceremonial day	
	Those on parade	Civilian attire	One neck badge, full size badges or orders, (see note 2) decorations and medals on a brooch. No stars
	Spectators	Civilian attire	

	Evening events	Civilian attire	Dinner jackets with miniature badges or order, decorations and medals on a brooch or dark suits with full size or miniature badges or orders, decorations and medals on a brooch (see Note 2)
Farnborough air display	Spectators invited to the President's tent Other spectators	Non-ceremonial day or civilian attire Civilian attire	
Reception parties	For VIPs on behalf of CDS, CNS, CGS or CAS	Non-ceremonial day	

Notes:

1. Details of uniform and insignia to be worn at day and evening functions in temperate areas are at Annex A and in warm-weather areas at Annex B.

2. Miniature badges of orders, decorations and medals may be worn if a neck badge is not also being worn.

GUIDE TO THE CORRECT ORDER OF DRESS IN TEMPERATE AREAS

Ser	Function/Occasion	Order of Dress (See Note 1)		Sword and Associated Equipment (see Note 2)	By those entitled		
		Officers	Airmen and Airwomen		Orders, Decorations and Medals	Aiguillettes	Remarks
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1	State visits a. Reception party b. Guards of honour and route lining	Full ceremonial day Full ceremonial day	No 1 SD	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Ceremonial capes may be worn during inclement weather between 31 March and 1 November providing they are removed before the arrival of the Head of State.
2	Royal visits a. Reception party 1. Formal 2. Semi-formal 3. Informal b. Other participants c. Spectators	Full ceremonial day Ceremonial day Non-ceremonial day Non-ceremonial day Non-ceremonial day	- - - No 1 SD No 1 SD	Yes Optional No No No	Yes Yes No No No	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes	If the programme includes a parade and time is available, officers wearing full ceremonial day dress may change into ceremonial day dress after the ceremony. Swords, orders, decorations and medals may be removed by all concerned. Prior agreement must be obtained from the Household to do this. Advice on dress to be worn during Royal visits is always to be sought from SO1 RAF Ceremonial.
3	Escort to Royalty	Full ceremonial day	No 1 SD	Yes	Yes	Yes	If less formality is desired, the alternative dress indicated in Serial 2 would be appropriate.

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4	When attending a Royal review as a guest in the Royal enclosure.	Full ceremonial day	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	
5 6	When meeting and greeting or bidding farewell to a member of the Royal Family, a foreign Head of State or a VIP on behalf of the Defence Council or the Air Force Board. When representing the Defence Council or the Air Force Board on ceremonial occasions.	Full ceremonial day	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	On semi-formal or informal occasions the dress indicated in Serial 2 would be appropriate.
7	Guards at Royal residences	Full ceremonial day	No 1 SD	Yes (see Note 3)	Yes	-	

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8	Funerals						
	a. Service Funerals amounting to State occasions and those sponsored by MOD.	Full ceremonial day	No 1 SD (see Note 3)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Black crepe armband (3¼in (8.2cm) wide) is to be worn on left arm by officers and warrant officers. Pall bearers are to wear swords slung on ceremonial belts (no sash) (see Note 7).
	b. Service Funerals	Full ceremonial day	No 1 SD	No	Yes	Yes	Arm band as in Serial 8a. In exceptional circumstances officers may wear full ceremonial day dress.
	c. Private Funerals (Service)	Non-ceremonial day	No 1 SD	No	No	No	See Note 8.

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9	Memorial Services						
	a. Memorial Services sponsored by MOD (including Marshals of the RAF, serving members of the Air Force Board and those who have given exceptional service to the country).	Full ceremonial day	No 1 SD (see Note 3)	No	Yes	Yes	
	b. Official RAF Services	Non-ceremonial day	No 1 SD	No	No	No	Those attending are to conform with the dress worn by the sponsoring Service. See Annexes A and B.
	c. Services organised by Royal Navy and Army	"	"	"	"	"	
	d. Private services		No 1 SD	No	No	No	Black armbands are not to be worn. At the express wish of next of kin, orders, decorations and medals may be worn in which case officers are to wear ceremonial day dress.
	Service Representatives:	Non-ceremonial day					
	2. Attendance in private capacity						Civilian attire

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10	Unveiling statues in London and major cities:						
	a. Official party	Full ceremonial day	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	On semi-formal and informal occasions and dress indicated in Serial 2 would be appropriate.
	b. Parade personnel	Full ceremonial day	No 1 SD	Yes (see Note 5)	Yes	Yes	
11	Sovereign's birthday parades Battle of Britain parades Parades to confer and exercise Freedoms Remembrance Day parades Parades to present a Queen's Colour, Squadron Standard or Personal Banner Graduation and passing out.	Full ceremonial day	No 1 SD (see Note 4)	Yes	Yes	Yes	The dress for spectators is as indicated in Serial 2. Reviewing or inspecting officers and their staffs are to wear order, decorations and medals. The CO of the unit on parade and the AOC of the group or higher formation to which the unit belongs, and their staffs are to be similarly dressed when attending on the reviewing or inspecting officer.

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12	Parades on stations (other than those mentioned in Serial 11).	Non-ceremonial	No 1 SD	No	No	No	The nature of the parade will vary with circumstances and the decision whether to wear orders, decorations and medals, swords, side arms, white webbing and white gloves is to be made by the sponsoring authority.
13	Joint Service parades	Ceremonial day	No 1 SD (see Note 3)	Yes	Yes	No	See remarks in Serial 12.
14	RAFA parades, when taking the salute or attending in an official capacity.	Full ceremonial day	—	Yes	Yes	Yes	
15	CCF and ATC parades, when inspecting or reviewing.	Full ceremonial day	—	Yes	Yes	Yes	Where the locality of the review calls for less formality Air Marshals may decide to wear non-ceremonial day dress (see Note 4). Swords need not be worn. Orders, decorations and medals may be dispensed with. The decision should be made in consultation with the sponsoring authority. RAFRO officers are not to wear a sword when inspecting or reviewing CCF contingents or ATC squadrons but may do so when reviewing ATC wing ceremonial parades and on such other occasions as authorised by AOC Air Cadets.

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16	Guards of Honour	Full ceremonial day	No 1 SD (see Note 3)	Yes	Yes	No	When the guard is mounted by The Queen's Colour Squadron, ceremonial capes may be worn in accordance with Serial 2.
17	Farnborough air display Airmen and airwomen attending in organised parties on a 'trade' day.	-	No 1 SD	No	No	No	Also see Annex C regarding attendance in an individual capacity.
18	Weddings, if taking part in an official capacity when uniform is desired.	Ceremonial or non-ceremonial day	No 1 SD	Optional (see Note 6)	Optional	Yes	See Annex C to this Chap, Swords are not available from Service sources for this purpose, except overseas on prepayment.
19	Court balls and Royal evening receptions.	Full ceremonial evening	No 4/5 SD	No	Yes (see Notes 6/7)	Yes	'Decorations' on the invitation card means that order, decorations and medals are to be worn.

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20	Formal evening functions in mess, on official occasions including those of another Service and guest nights.	Ceremonial evening	No 4/5 SD	No	Yes (see Notes 6/7)	Yes	At functions of another Service No 5A dress may be prescribed for the most senior officers and those junior officers holding personal appointments (e.g. ADCs and PSOs etc), when attending in an official capacity on the senior officer concerned. Female officers, WOs and SNCOs may wear civilian ball gowns at the officers' and sergeants' mess annual formal balls. When an award of CB/CBE or above has been Gazetted but the insignia not yet presented, a miniature should only be worn if another miniature medal may be worn. Advice from CS(Sec)1d.
21	Dining-in nights	Ceremonial evening	No 4/5 SD	No	Miniatures only (see Note 7)	No	
22	Station evening functions such as boxing tournaments, airmen's dances, etc.	Ceremonial evening	No 4/5 SD	No	Miniatures only (see Note 6)	No	For functions other than station boxing tournaments, the station commander may order other forms of dress.

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23	Special occasions (when uniform is worn in lieu of full evening dress): a. At all parties and dinners when any of the following members of the Royal Family are present: HM The Queen HRH The Duke of Edinburgh HRH The Prince of Wales HRH The Duchess of Cornwall HRH The Duke of York HRH The Earl of Wessex HRH The Countess of Wessex HRH The Princess Royal TRHs: The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester The Duke and Duchess of Kent The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge The Duke and Duchess of Sussex Prince and Princess Michael of Kent Princess Alexandra The Hon Lady Ogilvy	Full ceremonial evening	No 4/5 SD	No 10-D-9	Yes (see Notes 6/7)	Yes	

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23 cont	b. At all parties and dinners given in houses of ambassadors and ministers accredited to Her Majesty's Court, unless otherwise notified by the ambassador or minister concerned. c. All important public banquets, balls and dinners, including dinners of city livery companies. d. Important occasion when the host is: Lord Lieutenant of a County, within his County High Sheriff of a County, within his County Cabinet Minister Ex-Cabinet Minister Knight of the Order of the Thistle Great Officer of State and of The Queen's Household Lord Mayor and Mayors Lord Provost and Provosts						Those entitled should wear an order of the country concerned in preference to a British one. If a British order is also worn, the former is to take precedence over the latter.

Notes:

1. DNS (RAF) by nature of her appointment wears the AO sash but not ceremonial boards. In warm-weather areas the equivalent dress is indicated in Para 1012.

2. Airmen/Airwomen participating in ceremonial wear white polyethylene webbing, white gloves, and carry side-arms if appropriate.

3. Airmen/Airwomen in a Queen's Colour party, Squadron Standard party and an escort squadron carry side-arms. All airmen on the parade are to wear white polyethylene webbing and white gloves.

4. The sponsor should decide whether:
   a. Those taking part i.e. groom, best man and person 'giving away' the bride should wear uniform.
   b. A ceremonial guard should be mounted outside the church.
   c. Guests should be given the option of wearing uniform.

5. Officers without No 5B SD are to wear No 4 SD. When Royalty are present orders, decorations and medals are to be worn, otherwise ribbons only are to be worn with No 4 SD.

6. On these occasions PMRAFNS and female officers should wear white gloves.

7. Swords may be dispensed with for members of the congregation not participating in ceremonial.

8. At the express wish if the next of kin, orders, decorations, medals and black armbands may be worn in which case officers and WOs are to wear Ceremonial Day Dress.

INVESTITURES – WEARING OF AIGUILLETTES

The following rules apply to wearing aiguillettes at investitures:

1. To wear aiguillettes:
   a. Equerries, Extra Equerries and Temporary Equerries to The Queen and Members of the Royal Family who are Royal Highnesses.
   b. ADCs to HM The Queen.
   c. Honorary Physicians, Surgeons, Dental Surgeons and Nursing Sisters to The Queen.
   d. Honorary Chaplains to The Queen.
   e. Members of the three Service Boards in the Ministry of Defence.
2. NOT to wear aiguillettes:
   a. Staff Officers.
   b. Attachés.
   c. ADCs other than those mentioned in a. above.